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By BEN WILKINSON, Chief Reporter wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk

COUNCIL workmen sparked outrage when the household possessions of a dead war veteran were smashed to pieces in the street.

Disgusted neighbours labelled Harlow Council insensitive in the extreme after furni-

ture, fittings and appliances were removed from the home of 94-year-old widower Harry Howe and destroyed outside.

The wreckage was then loaded onto the back of a truck and driven away to be dumped.

Mr Howe, a former Japanese prisoner of war who lost his wife and son in 1991, had lived in his house in The Hides for 53 years before his death last month.

Family members had removed important family heirlooms such as photographs and documents while other items had been offered to charities. But there was no time to arrange for collection before the council took back the keys and sent in workmen to clear the property.

the property.

Neighbours Jean and John Alderson, who

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Payout spurs Lubbock dad's fight for justice



TERRY LUBBOCK



STUART LUBBOCK

THE father of Stuart Lubbock, whose body was found floating in the swimming pool at the home of entertainer Michael Barrymore more than six years ago, has been awarded £6,800 in compensation.

Terry Lubbock, of Great Brays, Harlow, learned on Tuesday he will receive £5,500 in compensation for the injuries which led to Stuart's death and a further £1,300 for funeral costs.

The money will be paid by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority.

This week Mr Lubbock (63) told the Star: "The money is insignificant. What is really important is that this award of compensation confirms that Stuart suffered serious sexual injuries which led to his death.

"It's taken nearly seven years for them to confirm that but at least we have got there. This gives me the ammunition I need to push like hell for a new inquest."

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Stuart's dad: 'I back McCanns' –

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Council faces budget deficit of almost £2m

HARLOW Council is facing a budget overspend of £1.8m.

Just a month after town hall chiefs celebrated news that the council was rated as one of the country's fastest-improving local authorities, it has been revealed it will have to plunder its reserves to balance the books.

Joint council leaders Tony **Durcan (Labour) and Chris** Millington (Liberal Democrat) are due to face a grilling by the council's policy and resources committee tonight (Thursday) as to why costs have spiralled from £15.7m to £17.5m.

The situation, which will see the council's reserves slashed to just over £1.8m, could mean further cuts to council services next

The figures, contained in a report to councillors by finance chiefs, already assume the early closure of Harlow Pool. Had councillors voted on Tuesday to keep this open, the overspend would have been higher still.

The drastic situation is despite some unexpected windfalls for the council this year, including reductions in council tax benefit costs, reduced business rates for the Civic Centre and increased income from shop rents and the Water Gardens car park.

But staffing and running costs in some departments have risen, increasing costs by hundreds of thousands of pounds. The council has also lost out on grant funding and has been hit by higher costs for concessionary public transport.

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LIGHTING UP: Pictured, left to right, with their Christmas decorations are residents Helen Debolla, Walter Wright, Anne Wright and Barbara Duggan (photo: MYHLCTFX/02)

DELIGHTED!

Star helps to save OAPs' Christmas decorations

PENSIONERS facing a dull and By BEN WILKINSON grey Christmas after health and Chief Reporter

safety officials banned wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk them from putting up fairy lights at their sheltered housing are over-joyed after a sudden council U-turn.

The residents of Harlow Council-owned Latton Hall Close have brightened up their common room with lights and tinsel for the past six years.

But they were left down in the dumps earlier this week when they were told their lights were no longer allowed because they had not been safety tested by a council-approved work-

The atmosphere descended to even frostier levels when the senior citizens – many in their eighties and nineties - offered to club together to pay a private electrician to test the lights, only to be told council chiefs would not accept his assur-

But the depression turned to celebration on Tuesday after the **Star** intervened and the council agreed to send someone to test the lights.

Barbara Duggan (77), who has lived at the warden-controlled complex for eight years,

we can have our lights back. We're all so grateful to the *Star* for making our Christmas a bit

Residents of the 31 flats had been facing the most dismal Christmas in years until the change of heart.

Mrs Duggan added: "We're very keen on our decorations and the lights are an important part," she said. "We have lights on the walls and around the crib.

"We were prepared to pay for our own electrician to do portable appliance testing - he even said he would give us a safety certificate - so we couldn't believe it when the warden said this wouldn't be good enough for the council. It was health and safety gone mad.

"We play bingo twice a week in the common room and I caught the warden giving the electric bingo machine a suspicious look recently. I thought

A Harlow Council spokesman said the lights had been overlooked when testing of electrical equipment took place at the home earlier in the year but said they would be tested by

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Theatre overspend probed

THE head of community services at Harlow Council has been criticised for failing to control the budget of The Playhouse.

A report presented yesterday (Wednesday) by Lynn Seward to the council's audit and improvement committee attempted to account for the £70,000 overspend for 2006/07.

It said various factors including bar and catering mismanagement, in-house production costs and spiralling utilities bills had resulted in the discrepancy.

But councillor Kevin Brooks said he failed to understand why Mrs Seward and her accountancy team had not foreseen the problem earlier in the financial year.

Despite Mrs Seward's assurances she was "as confident as any manager could be" that the theatre's expenditure was back on track, members remained scepti-

Council chairwoman Lorna Spenceley said she would reserve judgement as to whether or not spending is on target this year.





MP urges debate to counter extremists

A WARNING about the danger of universialways been willing to have the debate and ties turning into "breeding grounds" for Islamic extremists has been delivered on behalf of the Government by Harlow MP Bill Rammell.

Mr Rammell, speaking in his position as higher education minister, has called on lecturers to encourage debate on controversial topics to challenge those with radical beliefs and prevent them going underground.

He made his comments in a speech to the Fabian Society, a left wing think tank, last Tuesday.

The speech was seen as a change of stance by the Government which faced criticism from teaching unions last year after issuing what were seen as tough guidelines demanding universities clamp down on students with such views

The new direction was welcomed by the

we are very pleased the Government has now recognised debate, not issuing diktats, is the

way forward.
"Those of us who cherish academic freedom are already aware of the need to use it responsibly and within the law. However students and academics must never stop, nor be prohibited from, challenging orthodoxies."

Mr Rammell told the *Star* his speech was

wide-ranging and addressed broader issues of freedom of speech. This included his support for the Oxford Union debating society which was criticised for inviting British National Party chairman Nick Griffin and Holocaust denier David Irving to a debate.

"Although I personally would not have invited them to such an event I am not in favour of bans," said Mr Rammell, " I think the best way we tackle the views of the BNP



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Council pu plug on pool

By BEN WILKINSON **Chief Reporter**

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CALLS have been made for the chairwoman of Harlow Council's environment and community committee to resign over the closure of the town's swimming pool.

Committee members voted in favour of axing the 46-year-old building and selling the site for housing at a packed meeting on Tuesday, rubber-stamping a recommendation made by officers.

During a lengthy and ill-tempered debate, councillors discussed various

As councillors took u options including demanding another report from officers into how the building could be patched up tem-

porarily at minimal expense.

But they eventually heeded the safety warnings and followed recommendations that the pool should close because of health and safety issues. Repairs to the building would cost almost £3/4m.

As more than 60 pool users and staff listened from the public gallery Conservative councillor Tony Hall, even warned future corporate manslaughter legislation could "land the whole committee in the dock" if the pool re-opened and something

Property and facilities manager Joe McGill opened the meeting with a detailed presentation of the faults. But questions from the public included accusations that the problems raised were a smokescreen to save operating costs and a cynical ploy to



As councillors took up the debate there was anger among many who felt they had been forced into a position of closing the pool.

Mike Danvers (Labour) said the public were rightly suspicious, adding: "The amount of money seems astronomical but when it's broken down the main thing is the roof.

'Some of these other things are coincidental; they haven't mattered before but they've suddenly been thrown into the melting pot."

Jean Clark (Labour) agreed. They've lumped it all in together to come up with an impossible sum. We've been concerned about disabled access since the '80s but is that a reason to close down the entire building

Things turned even more heated when Mr Hall led Tory calls for the resignation of chairwoman Eleanor Macy (Liberal Democrat) and condemned her refusal to apologise for the fiasco. Both he and Mrs Clark

said they would say sorry on behalf of the council if she would not.

"The pool is not the only service under her jurisdiction to have hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons, he complained, adding the environment and community committee had

become "not so much E&C as A&E".
"Does the chairman not realise the burden of responsibility that goes with occupying that chair? It's not enough for her to say she didn't know; she should have known and she should have ensured steps were taken to remedy the faults."

In approving the closure, the committee also passed opposition amendments demanding officers investigate striking an agreement with another pool to provide swimming for residents at the same cost and establishing a working party to investigate the chain of events leading to the closure.

It is estimated it will take nine months to dispose of the disused pool site at a cost to taxpayers of around

Drivers stuck in m-way tailback

DRIVERS were stuck in miles of stationary traffic after a crash closed the M11 for two hours on Monday.

A car transporter and a lorry were involved in a collision at around 6.30pm on the northbound carriageway of the motorway between Harlow and Stortford.

One driver was trapped in the wreckage of his cab and had to be freed by firefighters using specialist cutting gear.

They worked for an hour to release him. He was taken to Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital for treatment to a knee

The other driver was checked over by paramedics at the roadside but did not need hospital treatment.

All three lanes of the M11 were closed from 7.15pm, with one reopening soon after 9pm and the other two by 9.20pm. Diversions via the A120 were in place.



A CAR park behind shops at the back of Old Harlow High Street is the subject of this week's Pothole Patrol.

Shoppers say they have complained about the state of the area and say the craters are now deep enough to cause serious damage to cars. The holes were said to have been half-heartedly filled in a few years ago but are in desperate need of attention again.

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Residents frightened by spate of airgun shootings

RESIDENTS of a Harlow street are in fear after an airgun was fired at a house sending lethal shards of glass and shrapnel hurtling across a bedroom.

People living in Hawkenbury say several street lights have also been shot and one homeowner has received a letter warning him his cats will be shot dead if they are seen wandering in other people's gardens.

Now they are worried the culprit responsible for the attacks could strike again with potentially fatal consequences if not stopped.



children to bed at 7.40pm on Thursday when an airgun pellet was fired at the house and smashed through a window.

She had just walked out of the bed-Suzanne Taylor (36) was putting her room when the pellet came through the

adding: "Fragments were embedded in the television screen on the other wall. That was the impact of it."

Police are investigating the shooting and believe the pellet which hit the house was intended for a street lamp.

thought something had fallen off the

wall but if you look now you can see where something has shot through." Her husband Nick (40) said the shot

could have caused serious injuries,

Neighbours believe the culprit could be the same person who has blasted

window. "I just feel sick," she said. half-a-dozen of the lights and sent resi-"There was a horrendous bang and I dent Peter Spencer (43) a letter threatening the lives of his cats six months

ago.
Sue Colley (46) said: "Now this has happened with the window it makes you frightened.'

Her husband Steve, who has held a firearms certificate for 20 years, believes the culprit is using a high powered air rifle. "We all have children so it is worrying somebody is taking pot shots at people's houses," he added

Anybody with information should call Harlow police on 01279 641212.

Money from mobiles

HUNDREDS of pounds have been raised for charity by a recycling programme for mobile phones.

More than 120 handsets were recycled for cash as part of the Harlow Council drive which netted £450.

Eleanor Macy, chairwoman of the council's environment and community committee said: "I'm delighted we have been able to raise this money by recycling old mobile phones.

"It is items like this which are often left in a cupboard doing nothing or just thrown away in household rubbish, which is bad for the environment and waste.'

No-show coach leaves wedding guests stranded



ANGRY: Brett and Katy Rounce

with this voucher

(photo: PXPM93DJ/01)

By CHRIS MOSS

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A NEWLYWED couple's big day ended in disaster when the coach they hired to pick up guests from their wedding reception failed to turn up.

More than 100 people were left waiting in the cold, forcing the bride and groom to fork out £650 in taxi fares.

Brett and Katy Rounce hired Harlow firm Olympian Coaches to take their guests from their reception at the Barn Theatre in Little Easton to the Stansted Manor Hotel on Saturday.

But the couple, from Bishop's Stortford, said their wedding day was ruined by the company which blamed the no-show on a delay at a previ-

"It was a disastrous end to our big day," said Mr Rounce. "We had booked the coach weeks in advance and had even checked everything was set just days before the wedding.

I hadn't envisaged that I'd be standing outside trying to book taxis after midnight on my wedding day. We eventually left at around 2.30am but some of our guests were still there over an hour

"It was devastating, it ruined what had been such a wonderful day

The coach firm, based in River Way, said it

was investigating the incident and had reimbursed the couple the cost of the vehicle and the taxi fares.
"The driver did

try to contact the customer to make him aware of the situation but was not able to get through," said a spokesman

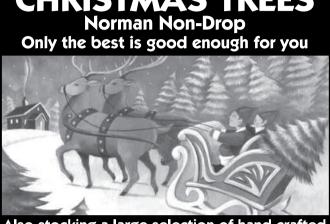
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Rape accused in court | Police witnesses plea

A MAN from Harlow has been remanded in custody dence in the case of a 38after appearing in court year-old woman who was charged with the rape of a raped in Rye Hill Road at

cold case review team.

They re-examined eviwoman in the town 17 years about midnight on Sept-ago. about midnight on Sept-ember 7, 1990.

Alan Morton (55), of Morton appeared at Sou-Station Road, Harlow, was thend Magistrates Court on arrested by detectives in Brentwood last Tuesday foled in custody to appear at lowing a review by a police Basildon Crown Court on February 1.

further appeal for infor-

nst a wall in the incident in Terminus Street in the early hours of Sunday, November 25.

POLICE investigating an assault outside a Harlow was not badly hurt, police nightclub have made a are keen to trace her assailant and believe mation after witnesses failed to come forward.

A 28-year-old local woman was thrown agai-

Anyone with information should call Harlow Police Station on (01279)

A warning to drivers thinking of drinking...



THE Star this week throws its support behind the Christmas campaign to warn motorists of the dangers of drinking and driving.

The Essex Casualty Reduction Board's annual awareness drive is urging revellers not to get behind the wheel and calls on people to shop intoxicated drivers to the police.

The action is part of a multi-agency crackdown on the menace of drunken drivers and aims to cut the toll of road deaths and injuries caused by motorists who are over the limit.

Across the county, police, fire, road safe-ty officers, licensees and the Essex Drugs and Alcohol Action Team will be working together to make people think twice about getting behind the wheel after having consumed alcohol.

Police in Harlow will be breathalysing every motorist stopped on the town's roads, regardless of the offence for which they have been pulled up.

The Star's support comes only weeks after we reported that men in the town had among the worst records in the country for shorten-

By LOUISE SASSOON **News Editor** sassoonl@hertsessexnews.co.uk

ing their lives through drinking too much.

Last year drunken motorists were responsible for a number of incidents in the town and four people were left with potentially life-threatening serious injuries after accidents involving drink-drivers.

To show our support for the campaign the **Star** is distributing posters bearing its logo on behalf of the Essex Casualty Reduction Board warning motorists not to drink and drive.

Board chairman and Essex County Council cabinet member for highways and transportation Norman Hume said: "It is great to have the Harlow Star on board, helpng to get the message out that drinking and driving is absolutely unacceptable."

Division police commander Chief Superintendent Tim Stokes added: "I welcome anything which helps raise people awareness about drink-driving and the lifechanging effects it can have on people's

Cost of rail travel set to soar

RAIL passengers travelling on the line through Harlow, Sawbridgeworth and Roydon are to be hit in the pocket after it was revealed that fares will soar in the New Year.

From January the cost of tickets will go up by between 4.8 and 6.8 per cent.

The increases will see a single peak-time ticket from Harlow Town to Liverpool Street rise from £8.90 to £9.33.

The price rises, which apply across the One network, come alongside similar revisions by all the UK's train operators.

While One's increases on main commuter fares, including season tickets, are in line with the average rise, its inflation-busting hike on unregulated journeys, such as cheap day returns, is 1.4 per cent above average.

The increases have been

defended by the Association of Train Operating Companies which says the money will be ploughed back into the rail network.

Director general George Muir said: "We need the revenue from fares to pay for investment in the railway for the benefits of passengers.

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Jail threat hangs over burglar with criminal record

A BURGLAR has been warned to expect a long stretch behind

bars if he is caught again.

Mark Rhead (19) was told that because of his previous convictions he would fall in to the "three strikes" category and face a minimum sentence of three

low, admitted a charge of attempted burglary when he appeared at Chelmsford Crown

through an upstairs window but were watching you."

Rhead, of Northbrooks, Har- eventually jumped down and walked away

Judge Anthony Goldstaub told him: "This was a half-heart-Court last Wednesday.

ed burglary. The impression I the supervision of a probation The court heard that on have is that you committed the officer for 18 months. August 2 he tried to enter a attempt out of bravado or house at Church Leys, Harlow, machismo when your friends licensed premises for three

Rhead was sentenced to nine months in a young offenders institution which was suspended for two years and placed under

He was also banned from

Stuart's dad: back McCanns'

By BEN WILKINSON **Chief Reporter** wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk

THE father of Stuart Lubbock has spoken of his embarrassment after the man who spearheaded his campaign for justice tried to instigate legal action against the parents of missing girl Madeleine McCann.

Terry Lubbock, whose son died after a party at the Roydon home of Michael Barrymore in 2001, has sought to distance himself from the actions of his former solicitor, Tony Bennett.

As previously reported in the Star, Mr Bennett, of Chippingfield, Old Harlow, compiled a dossier of evidence in an attempt to persuade Loughborough magistrates to instigate proceedings against Kate and Gerry McCann for child neglect.

Mr Bennett's application was turned down by the court but Mr Lubbock, who worked closely with Mr Bennett in his fight to get police to reopen the investigation into his son's death, said he had written to the McCanns offering them his "100 per cent

Mr Lubbock, of Great Brays, Harlow, and Mr Bennett worked together in running The Lubbock Trust, a campaign group set up in Stuart's memory. However, the group disintegrated earlier this year amid bitter rows over the proceeds of the book about their cam-

Mr Lubbock, who said he could draw comparisons between the McCanns' experience and his own, received a brief reply of thanks from Mr McCann.

This week Mr Lubbock told the Star: "I don't want to get into a slanging match with Tony Bennett but he really has gone a step too far this time.

"I want to draw a line between us. He has

Radio presenter's onslaught leaves former solicitor feeling intimidated

TONY Bennett's action against the McCanns was the centre of an astonishing exchange on national radio on Sunday when he clashed angrily with presenter James

The telephone interview on TalkSport descended into farce as Mr Bennett was confronted with a barrage of abuse from the self-styled 'shock-jock'.

As the solicitor attempted to answer questions, Mr Whale interjected with comments including "Go away and grow up" and "You're an idiot". He then said he "presumed" Mr Bennett had no family.

When Mr Bennett replied that he did, the presenter became increasingly hysterical, exclaiming: "I cannot speak to you any more. You are making my stomach churn!

"To do this to people who



TONY BENNETT

are in this position is the most despicable and disgusting thing I've ever

Speaking later, Mr Bennett told the *Star* he had felt intimidated by the presenter and disappointed at his bias. "I just about managed to get a couple of key points

in but I couldn't really

JAMES WHALE

elaborate on any of them. He just kept interrupting me with insults and arrogance.

"When he accused me of being rude to him it was almost comical because there was no rudeness on my part at all.

"I was just trying to make my points in the face of his abuse."

gone completely his own way since we parted company in August and I want nothing to do with it. I think his motives are question-

Mr Bennett declined to comment on Mr Lubbock's remarks but insisted his latest campaign would continue.

"I have written to all supporters and we're looking at holding a meeting in January," he said. "This will be either to pursue the question of a prosecution or to look at a wider campaign to tighten up the law on child neglect to ensure young children are not left

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HUNDREDS of people turned out for the launch of St Clare Hospice's Light Up A Life ceremony.

Now people in Harlow and Epping will have the chance to light a candle

and place it on a Christmas tree in memory of those they have lost in two separate ceremonies being held on Saturday.

They take place at Harlow Civic Centre at

4pm and St John the **Baptist Church in Epping** at 4.30pm.

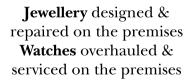
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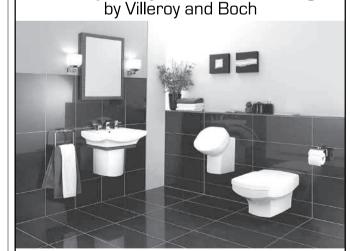
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PERFORMING at London's O2 Arena may be the stuff of X-Factor dreams for most young people, but for one Harlow teenager it has become a reality.

Kirstie Wright (17) followed in the footsteps of Prince, Justin Timberlake and the Rolling Stones when she took to the stage at the venue on Saturday.

But the teenager is not the latest overnight pop success; she was one of a cast of 3,000 young people who put on two spectacular three-hour shows to celebrate the centenary of the Scout movement.

Kirstie, of Morningtons, was one of 150 flagbearers to open the event, known as Live '07, to the Fat Boy Slim hit Right Here Right Now.
This was followed by a host of group and individual performances, with acts incorporating cycles, parachutes, cars and pyrotechnics. The show concluded with the entire cast singing Queen's One Vision

Kirstie, who is a member of the Harlow Scouts, said: "The adrenaline rush was amazing but it was a big challenge for me and everyone else to remember our routine. We only had three practice sessions to get our routine right and two of those were six weeks previous."

The show was the culmination of a year of centenary celebrations for the Scouts, founded in 1907 by Robert Baden Powell. "It has finished the year with a finale which will blast us into 2008 for a new century of Scouting," said Kirstie.



Baking biscuits for GOSH is child's play



SWEET-toothed youngsters raised a tasty total for charity when they baked and decorated special biscuits.

The youngsters from Latton Green Pre-School in Riddings Lane, Harlow, sold the scrumptious snacks to raise money for London's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

Thanks to their efforts a

generous £61.46 was collected.

Debbie Collins, from the preschool, said: "All the children had a fun time decorating the biccies and were really happy that they had helped such a very good cause as Great Ormond Street."

Pictured decorating her biscuit is Zara Hills. (photo: NCVVDMYP/05)

No need to spend Christmas alone

CHRISTIANS in Harlow and Epping will be extending a special Christmas invitation to anyone who is lonely over the festive season.

Churches Together in Epping and District will be providing a traditional lunch on Christmas Day for anyone in the town who would otherwise be spending it alone. It is also open to couples or carers with dependants.

The lunch at the Catholic Church Hall in Epping town centre is funded by donations from local people, churches and business sponsors and made possible by the support of volunteers.

The organisers are currently looking for someone to provide entertainment as well as donations of food and raffle prizes. If you can help or would like to attend, call Mary Morgan on (01992) 574719.

Meanwhile, in Harlow the town's Salvation Army Corps is also offering the hand of friendship to those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day.

Events at the citadel in Tendring Road begin at 11am with a family service, followed by a meal and carols. The day concludes at 3.30pm when visitors will be provided with a packed tea to take home. Transport can also be arranged. Anyone wishing to attend should call (01279)

Shelter appeal

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DONATIONS of supplies and people's time are required by the people organising the annual Christmas shelter for Harlow's homeless.

The shelter, which will be open for 10 days between December 23 and New Year's Day at the Playbarn next to Great Parndon Community Association, is looking for volunteers as well as donations of food and money.

A meeting for those interested in playing a part takes place at the venue on Monday stating at 7.30pm. Alternatively call Mick Granger on (01279) 439288.

Macmillan boost

MORE than £1,500 was raised for the Macmillan Nurses charity at a fundraising gig and a quiz night at a Harlow social club.

Organised by Gordon Weemes, the event at The Maypole Club, in London Road, featured live bands The Overtures and Scam69.

It was supported by a number of local businesses including Harlow Garden Centre, Pizza Hut and Pearson Education, as well as the Canons Brook, Blakes and Manor Of Groves golf clubs.

Mr Weemes said: "The evening was a great success and I would like to thank all my friends and family for all their help and support."

AIDS day marked

LOCAL health services marked World AIDS Day on Saturday with West Essex Primary Care Trust issuing advice aimed at cutting down the number of people who contract the HIV virus.

Spokesman Tony Skeate said: "Whilst gay men are at the highest risk of HIV infection, HIV is not the preserve of gay men and drug users. It can affect anyone.

"You don't have to be promiscuous to get HIV so we recommend that anyone who is sexually active use condoms and has an HIV test at least one a year."

For further advice on protecting yourself against HIV see www.action4men.org or call the PCT on (01279) 694901.

■ REV Paul Walker, chaplain of Epping's St Margaret's Hospital, and his wife Jane, a local midwife, have travelled to South Africa to mark the AIDS awareness campaign.

The couple have taken over £1,000 worth of aid raised by Epping churches to areas experiencing huge infection rates.



How could they be so heartless?

Continued from front page

knew Mr Howe for 50 years, were among those appalled by the episode.

Mrs Alderson (74) said: "When I saw what was happening I found it very upsetting. I appreciate some of the stuff maybe did have to be disposed of but to empty the whole house and smash it to pieces right in front of all his friends who knew him for years was disgraceful.

"Harry was a brave old man who fought a war for us. Where was the dignity for

"Later on I asked one of my neighbours if she had seen it and she just burst into tears." Mrs Alderson added: "All that furniture was in good condition and could have been given to poor people." A Harlow Council spokesman said it was policy

to dispose of items and that if Mr Howe's family wished to donate anything to charity it should have been removed from the house earlier. "We have investigated

clearances with charities in the past but timescales for removals are far too long and they are selective about what items they take," he said.

"Due to demand for council housing, once keys are returned, we work quickly to get properties back into use." He added: "It is normal practice to place items outside a property."

Civic society leaflet follows town centre's 'trail of neglect

town's civic society slated the town centre.

The flyer, entitled Welcome To Harlow, is set out as a spoof tourist trail and describes The High as "unkempt and uncared for".

It also highlights graffiti on Adams House, the bus station's

HARLOW Council has been "rusty, dirty single broken-down forced to defend itself after the excuse for a shelter" and "disgusting piles of rubbish" in The Rows and Kitson Way, as well as outdated road and pathway signs.

It also accuses the council of showing little interest in encouraging visitors to the town and criticises the lack of a tourist information centre.

Ron Bill, who designed the leaflet, told the Star: "The idea of this is to point out that while the council might do a lot of good things, it is also guilty of some appalling neg-

minds of people visiting the town carried out soon and the council centre for the first time doesn't

Harlow Civic Society member bear thinking about, although if the council had any interest in visitors it wouldn't have done away with the tourist information we used to have at the Advice Centre."

A Harlow Council spokesman st. said corrections to signs and "What must go through the repairs to the bus shelter would be was addressing the issue of busi-

nesses dumping rubbish, but that the graffiti on Adams House was the responsibility of its owners.

"There are areas of the town which we know need improving and we are working with other organisations to regenerate the town and make it an attractive place people want to visit," he

Dancer hospitalised by hair dye reaction

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By CHRIS MOSS

A TEENAGER fears she has been left scarred for life after suffering a serious allergic reaction to a hair dye.

Candice Firth (18), of Tilbury Mead, Harlow, was put on a high-dependency ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital after her face and neck swelled to the point where doctors feared her windpipe would be constricted.

Miss Firth, a dancer at town centre club Fat Sam's, noticed something was wrong as she started work on Thursday evening, a day after using the L'Oreal dye she had bought at Superdrug in the Harvey Centre.

When anti-histamine tablets failed to reduce the swelling she went to hospital where she was kept in for three days and given a combination of steroids, antibiotics and allergy tablets.

Although the swelling has now subsided she has been told by doctors the pigment in the affected skin is permanently damaged and will never fully recover. "I couldn't believe

what had happened to me," she told the **Star**. "I've always used L'Oreal hair dyes in the past and have never had a problem before so I didn't think I needed to test it on my skin first.

"I've often used peroxide as well which is much stronger than dye, so I couldn't believe that my face had blown up so much after using this. I can't go back to work at the moment - it's been a bit of a nightmare really."

A spokeswoman from L'Oreal said it was committed to ensuring its products are safe and that customers can use them with confidence.

"We were con-cerned to hear of Miss Firth's distressing experience and have been in touch to offer medical assistance and support to find out what caused her reaction," she said.

"Allergies to hair colorants are extremely rare but can occur for a very small number of people. That's why it's vital that people using hair colorants are informed of the risks and know the importance of carrying out a skin allergy test 48 hours before using the product."



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CHEMICAL REACTION: *Right*,

Candice Firth and, above, how she

looked after using the hair dye (s)







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JOBLESS youngsters are shunning work experience and training opportunities which could lead to employment, it was claimed this week.

At present, 350 of the town's school leavers are without work - but there are nearly 200 vacancies on Government schemes within Harlow.

DJs MARATHON RAISES £300

A 50-HOUR record-playing marathon run by Harlow hospital DJs at the weekend raised, it is hoped, £300 in sponsorship.

More than 20 DJs took it in turns to spin 840 records non-stop from 6pm on Friday until 8pm on Sunday.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AND AWARDS FOR ROYALS

The Harlow Royals marching band celebrated its fifth birthday with a

JOBLESS SHUN TRAINING

presentation evening at St Mark's School on Saturday. Bill Gibson, chairman of the council, presented the Royals with a birthday cake and, with councillor Alex James, presented awards to band members.

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Town Park concert kept crowd rocking



THIS is live music in Harlow, 1976 L style! The crowd pictured is packed into the Spurriers area of Harlow Town Park for a council-organised free concert. On the bill were Eddie And The Hot Rods, The Sods, Pete The Meat And The Boys and DJ Desperate Dan. On the subject of music, reader Hayley

BEN WILKINSON

OLLOWING our recent piece on Burnt Mill FC

exploded, November 22),

1953 picture.

Nostalgia was delighted to be

players who appeared in our

lives in Clacton-on-Sea but his

football scene - remain vivid.

club folded in the early 1970s.

longer assemble a side.

memories of Harlow – not least its

Described in the newspaper cartoon we

reproduced as the team's "pin-up boy

centre-half" and a "staunch believer in mud treatment for the hair". Mr Cox

played for Burnt Mill for 25 years, joining

at the age 13 and leaving just before the

He explained that although the team was

considered one of the best in the area –

second only to Harlow Town - it was a

and got to the stage where it could no

victim of the bustling factory teams circuit

contacted by Lew Cox, one of the

Mr Cox (75), pictured right in 1953, a former resident of Felmongers, now

(The day my dad's football

Johnson was prompted to write in by the Star's feature on home-grown record labels and rock bands last month. She recalled seeing Collapsed Lung, the band which later attained chart fame with football anthem Eat My Goal.

"It must have been about nine years ago," she told *Nostalgia*. "I remember one of

the band members was dressed as a clown. There must be very few people in their late 20s or early 30s who don't remember shouting 'Eat my goal!' along to their hit song.

"I'm sure I saw one of the band members quite recently, working in a shop in The

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"Of course, we started off as a village side playing in The Dashes before the homes were built," he said. "Come the 1950s, we started getting the New Town people coming in and we got a choice of better players. We became a very, very good side

and won practically everything!

"Bill Fisher, who was our club secretary and was also at one time chairman of Harlow Council, was instrumental in setting up the Harlow Football League. But the other teams were so weak in comparison that there was no competition for us and we ended playing in the Bishop's Stortford league again.

"However, over time the standard went down. We lost six or seven good players and we just couldn't get a team together. A lot of the players went off to factory teams or Harlow Town. I was 38 by then, so I packed up playing."

Mr Cox provided Nostalgia with accurate identities for the men in the picture, correcting some omissions and errors in our previous caption. The two unidentified men standing at the back left were Harry Pavett and possibly a man called Marshall who lived in The Drive, while fourth from the left was Derek Hale of Freshwaters. Also, the person we identified as Nobby actually his brother Guy Mr Cox also revealed his other claim to Harlow fame, as one of the men behind Burnt Mill Snooker Club. "When they built the New Town, our old village club was taken off us by the corporation because it was in the way of the station," he said. "They gave us instead this old Women's Institute place that was in a poor

"My brother-in-law was a carpenter and I was a decorator, so we did out the whole place for nothing – put the ceiling in and everything. I also gave them two snooker tables which, as far as I know, are still



LEW COX



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Scheme aims to give a new lease of life to empty homes

HUNDREDS of empty homes in Harlow and Epping could be put back in to use after council chiefs signed up to a new scheme. Harlow and Epping Forest councils, along with authorities in Chelmsford, Uttlesford and East Herts and housing associations Swan and Pathmeads have teamed up to promote the availability of Government funding for private homes which have lain empty for more than six months and require renovation.

Grants are available to the property owners on condition they agree to lease the property to a housing association for a minimum of three years.

The programme, called Place, coincides with the Empty Homes National Week Of Action.

Mark Wilkinson, chairman of Harlow Council's housing committee, said: "Empty homes can be a burden on owners and a cause of concern for local residents as they can attract anti-social behaviour activities.

"Harlow is an area of high housing demand so this project offers a unique and exciting opportunity to turn these wasted properties into much-needed homes for local people."

Boy in court for firing airgun at 16-year-old

Green day proves a real education



STAFF at Pearson Education were given a lesson in environment-friendly practices when the company hosted its first-ever green awareness day.

Conservationists and council officials were invited to the firm's

offices in Edinburgh Way, Harlow, to talk through the importance of being environmentally friendly and offer practical advice .

The day was so well received that company bosses are considering making it an annual event. "We

have had some really positive feedback from staff about the day," said a spokewoman.

Pictured, *left to right*, are Debbie Stevens, Jen Barker, Julie Taylor, Antje King and Lindsay Green. (photo: PSKWPP2C/03)

A TEENAGER hit in the leg by a pellet fired from an airgun is still suffering flashbacks, a court heard.

The boy who fired the weapon had bought it from an internet website.

The defendant, who was 14 at the time of the incident but is now 15 and cannot be named for legal reasons, admitted charges of unlawful wounding and possessing a firearm at the hearing.

He was placed on probation for 18 months on the condition he attends behavioural workshops and was also made the subject of a two-month curfew order.

Carolyn Gardiner, prosecuting at Chelmsford Crown Court, said the 16-year-old victim was walking his dog around Peartree Mead, Harlow, at 7pm on January 4 when he saw a group of youths. Among them was the defendant standing by a tree with what looked like an air rifle in his hand.

As the victim walked past he heard a noise and felt a stinging pain in his leg. He dropped the dog lead and bent over in pain.

Miss Gardiner said he man-

aged to walk to the Royal British Legion club where he noticed his leg was bleeding from the thigh. He felt sick and woozy and was taken to hospital where he had an operation to remove the pellet.

The defendant was arrested and when interviewed by police said he used the weapon to shoot at trees.

He said he saw the victim walking his dog and spoke to him for a minute or two. When the youth walked away he aimed the rifle in his direction and fired. He said he was aiming in the dark and could not see exactly where he was.

Miss Gardiner said memories of the incident still caused the victim to scream out in his sleep.

James Rouse, representing the defendant, said in mitigation he had not been in trouble before and had been punished by his family.

by his family.
"It was an act of impulse and not pre-planned," he added.

Passing sentence, Judge David Turner told the boy: "This episode beggars belief in its stupidity and dangerousness.

ness.
"I think you are immature rather than wicked. It was a piece of idiocy."



WE SAY

ARRY Howe fought for King and country.

So when he died at the age of 94, he deserved a whole lot more respect than was shown by the workmen who cleared out the council home where he lived for more than 50 years.

The way in which his furniture was smashed in the street without a second thought was a disgrace. It brought tears to the eyes of friends and neighbours who witnessed this appalling act of vandalism.

While the council seems intent on making sure it follows over-zealous health and safety rules regarding Christmas lights, is it really too much to ask for it to be a little more sympathetic to people's feelings? Mr Howe put his life on the line for this country. Maybe the council would do well to remember this next time it send its workmen to clear the homes of its elderly

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tenants after they

have died.

Moral obligation to ensure pool's safety

SIR, I was intrigued by councillor Eleanor Macy's comment that Harlow Pool was "never intended to last" and that it was nearing the end of its life (Star, November

That was most certainly not the line advocated by council officers and leisure consultants when Harlow Council was persuaded to waste a fortune on the infamous aquatubes in the 1980s.

However, if councillor Macy is correct in her belief then by her own admission she has undermined the position of Harlow Council's strategic director, Graham Branchett, who is reported to have stated that the council was not legally obliged to conduct regular maintenance.

In light of councillor Macy's opinion that the pool was at death's door, one would have thought the council had a moral obligation, a duty of care and were legally bound by statutory requirements under health and safety legislation to ensure the pool's continuing safety.

Furthermore, a trawl of council minutes will reveal that the pool has been bedevilled with structural and maintenance problems for as long as I can remember. Therefore, one could argue that the council's failure to institute regular inspections could be described, at best, as negligent.

Given that the Gateway project (and with it the demolition of Harlow Pool) was agreed in principal some years back and that councillor Macy is quoted as having stated that the completion of the Gateway project had been subject to delay, one might wish to speculate that investment in the Harlow Pool had been wilfully withheld in the belief that the council would be throwing good money after bad.

I note with interest that the pool's demolition two years early will pave the way for the construction of 60 new (admittedly, muchneeded) homes. The income generated from the marketing of this development will no

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doubt ease the financial strain of the Gateway project.

I suspect Star readers would like to think Harlow Council would likewise wish to ensure that pool users are not unduly penalised for the failure to safeguard one of Harlow's premier discretionary services.

Guy Mitchinson Joyners Field, Harlow

No surprise

SIR, It comes as no surprise to learn that Harlow Council is looking to demolish Harlow Pool. The only surprise is that it has taken so long for it to get around to announcing its intentions.

The council argues the building has deteriorated to such an extent that refurbishment will be too costly. This is the same authority that, 20 or so years ago, proudly unveiled the pool tubes which were only in use for a short while before being declared a loss-maker and closed down - to be left standing as a mould-covered and dingy embarrassment to this day. The argument was that it would be too costly to take them down.

What a disgusting way to treat a public facility, a building recognised as being of architectural interest and much praised by comedian Gryff Rhys Jones in his recent autobiography. Gryff grew up in Epping and was a regular visitor to the pool as a youngster.

And what a dreadful advertisement for our town. I've lived in Harlow long enough to remember the days when the council was proud to provide good public facilities for residents.

Today's authority only seems interested in ditching our much-loved amenities and selling off the land for private development. Oh, and one or two "affordable" homes.

If the pool does go it would be nice to think it will be replaced by affordable homes but I won't hold my breath.

Bridget McAlpine Vicarage Wood, Harlow

Terrible condition

SIR, I rarely agree with Bill Rammell and have never voted Labour in my life, but like him I am totally appalled by the closure of Harlow Pool. The catalogue of repairs needed was totally preventable.

I started using the pool again approximately 10 years ago and I was disgusted to find that it was in a worse condition than when I used to use it in the '70s.

I was particularly struck by the bad state of the stairs compared to other pools I have used recently. I was also unhappy about the state of the toilet facilities, far worse than I remembered.

Reading the list of urgent repairs needed I am particularly appalled by the health and safety issues involved. These should have been addressed as and when they happened. The fact the roof was falling down and the spectators' area was not safe is scary

Harlow Council should pay attention to preserving such facilities rather than allowing big problems to develop and enforce closure.

Unfortunately in this town more attention is paid to dealing with social problems that have been allowed to develop due to neglect than is paid to providing facilities for the average person to use.

Jackle Osborne address supplied - Editor

Closure inevitable

SIR, No-one should be surprised at the amount of money needed to put right defects at Harlow Pool These seven figure numbers have been known for 10 years or so.

The point is that, even if this money had been spent, we would still only have a substandard pool suffering from irretrievable design faults.

I was an elected councillor when these figures came to light and we were determined not to pour good money after bad. It is precisely why we were so keen to see a new pool, combined with other sports facilities, which would replace the Sportcentre as well.

The original plans were thwarted by a vitriolic opposition based on wildly exaggerated fears about imaginary threats to the Town Park. Thank goodness the Gateway project was finally approved and that we now see work progressing on the new leisure

It is tragic that this will not come in time to prevent a gap in swimming provision in Harlow; I am very sorry for the users who will be inconvenienced by this situation. Clearly, the decision the council must now make to permanently close and demolish the old pool is a no-brainer. The alternative would be to spend a vast amount of money to provide a pool for, at best, about a year until the planned transfer to the new location will be made.

I hope those who actively delayed the action to build the new pool will examine their consciences. I am sorry, but I can't resist saying "We told you so".

John Young Paddock Mead, Harlow

No benefit to me

SIR, May I take this opportunity to thank Harlow Council for its wonderfully informative guide to reducing, reusing and recycling waste which was recently delivered to residents of Harlow.

I was particularly interested in the home insulation section which says I can substantially reduce my heating bills, reduce my carbon emissions, protect the environment and reduce climate change. I was also comforted to know that Harlow Council is committed to improving efficiency and protecting the environment and has teamed up with British Gas to provide Harlow residents with subsidised loft and wall insulation.

Not only could we receive a rebate on our

council tax but we could even benefit from free insulation. You could imagine my disappointment, then, when I discovered this is only available to homeowners and private tenants. Council tenants are excluded Surely it would be more prudent for the council's commitment to improving efficiency to begin with its own housing stock. My council home is terribly inefficient with its single glazed windows, inadequate loft insulation, ageing boiler and no such luxury of cavity wall insulation. I would love to benefit from such improvements, not least to help protect the environment but to save

Such improvements would not only benefit the environment but residents and, indeed, the green image of Harlow Council.

several hundred pounds in heating costs in

I would like to invite one of our distinguished councillors to respond and comment further on the council's commitment to improving efficiency and what proposals are in place to bring its own house in order.

S. Middleditch

the process.

Save this theatre

SIR, Recently we attended a performance at the Victoria Hall Theatre in Old Harlow of songs and sketches by the youngsters of the Class Act Theatre School who are based primarily at the Playhouse.

This was an immensely enjoyable evening during which there was much talent on display and was performed in honour of one of their cast, Johnny Wong, who sadly lost his life in a car accident last summer. We understand that he was passionate about saving the Victoria Hall from closure and so all the proceeds from this show are going towards this end.

In these days of complaining about youngsters hanging around on street corners, we find it incredible that the powers-that-be want to close the theatre down and in so doing deny the youth of Harlow a place where they can develop and show off their talents. It's no surprise that youngsters do indeed resort to wandering the streets for something to do.

Please can we show an interest in keeping these type of places running. We've already lost our ski slope and swimming pool but seem to be able to find the will and money to change Harlow Council's logo.

Clare Cracknell Woodcroft, Harlow

Centre reprieve

SIR, We have just received confirmation that the Aneuren Bevan Centre in Old Harlow has been given a reprieve from closure.

Our group, The Bevan Quilters, who use this facility every week would like to thank everyone who helped this decision to be reached, including Harlow Council and the

This venue means so much to so many. mainly elderly, people.

Lynn Lagdon

address supplied - Editor

Expansion views

SIR, I would like to thank all the residents of Harlow and Sawbridgeworth who have responded to the current public consultation on the plan to double the size of Harlow over the next 20 years without having proper plans in place to deal with water supply and sewage treatment.

We have generated over 5,000 separate submissions via our website. The consultation closes on December 18 so there is still time to log on and reply to the Government at www.stopharlownorth.com.

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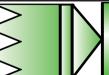












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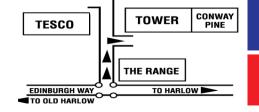


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Regiments with local soldiers are being made aware of this so that they can see your messages and maybe even send their own in return.

Messages should be sent to staintonr@hertsessexnews by noon on Friday, December 21. Pictures or videos can be sent in any format.

INTERNET POLL

Last week on our home page we asked: Do you think Harlow Council is right to close the town's swimming pool? 36% said yes and 64% said no. This week we're asking: Do you agree with Harlow Civic Society that the town centre is 'unkempt and uncared for'? Log on to our home page now to have your

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recycling bins and visited by workshops to be taught about the benefits of recycling clothing and where it ends up.

A spokesman for the charity said: "Schoolchildren are

encouraged to help run the projects themselves and the workshops inspire them to think creatively about reusing and recycling all kinds of materials.

LEVENTHORPE. A taste of Bollywood came to Sawbridgeworth when caring students of Leventhorpe School helped raise money for fellow students to go to India.

About 140 sixth form students and invited guests, some of whom turned out in traditional Indian dress, attended to enjoy dancing and music.

The event was part-organised by sixth former Asha Padhiar (17), who is raising cash to help fund herself and friends to go to the country and undertake community work as part of the Fulcrum Challenge. The night, which was held at the London Road school, raised about £900. Asha's father Raj said: "It went really well and everybody seemed to enjoy it.'

Pictured, above, are, left to right, Hernika Neistry, Shivani Thakrar, Nikhita Patel, Gairisha Vaja and Asha Padhiar.

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PEAR TREE MEAD: The Pear Tree blossomed into kindness when pupils took part in national Anti-Bullying Week.

included making a kindness tree for which they nominated someone who had shown them kindness. The name of that person and reason for nomination was written on a leaf and hung on the tree.

A spokeswoman for the school said: There has been a wealth of research to show that being kind to one another has a knock on effect on how we feel about ourselves

"I have been very pleased at the way our Pictured above are, rear, left to right, Danielle Murphy, Laura Fern, Colyn Edmondson, Tommy Colton, front, left to right, Bethany Slater, Ashley Maddams



Rudolph takes a bazaar bow

FAWBERT AND BARNARD: Hundreds of pounds were raised when children and staff at the Old Harlow school got into a festive mood for their annual Christmas

Homemade treats and bric-a-brac lined stalls and reindeer took a break from pulling Santa's sled to put in a personal appearance for the occasion.

Jam jars filled with goodies which were decorated by pupils were also on sale at the event, organised by the Friends of Fawbert and Barnard.

School spokeswoman Christine Baxter said: "It was a lovely day, which was absolutely packed. I'm not sure of the exact amount raised yet, but I think it was nearly £1,000 in total."



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children have shown kindness to one another and I am sure it will continue." and Olivia Hewett.



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Newhall development scoops industry's gold award

A NEW housing development in Harlow has scooped a top award in a prestigious national competition after judges deemed the entry "outstanding"

Newhall, in The Chase, won the coveted Gold Award for Best House at the What? House Awards, the property industry's equivalent of the Oscars, in a

glittering ceremony at London's Grosvenor House Hotel.

Judges described homes at the latest phase of the development' - North Chase – as fantastic value for money and "imbibed with style and panache"

They went on to praise the good workmanship, attention to detail and innovative design of the

homes, saying they represented many of the features for which British housing design is renowned.

It is the second national award for excellence won by Newhall in as many months, the first being a silver gilt prize at the Daily Express New Homes Garden Awards in recognition of the imaginative design of the show home's garden.

Jon Moen, of Newhall Projects Ltd, said he was delighted the North Chase Show Home had received such a top accolade from the property industry.

"We strive to achieve the highest possible standards in every aspect of construction at

Newhall and we see imaginative, high quality architecture as vitally important to the future of the neighbourhood and the inspiration and well being of its residents," he said.

"It is also the first formal public recognition of the ingenious designs currently being created in North Chase.

Full Cycle pedals on to a new beginning



A DISGRUNTLED shopkeeper forced By CHRIS MOSS to quit Harlow town centre because of soaring rental costs is hoping for better luck after relocating to The

Nick Jarman, pictured left, shut up shop at Full Cycle, in West Gate, several months ago after spiralling overheads ate into his profit margin and threatened to put the store out of business for good.

But he cut his losses and reluctantly relocated the bicycle shop to The Stow Service Bays to ensure it survives – but not before firing a parting shot at Harlow Council, which he claims is pushing up rental rates disproportionately.

"I didn't want to have to relocate but I had no alternative," he told the *Star*. "My overheads were getting bigger and bigger and I was barely making a living anymore when I finally decided to pull out of the town centre."

He identified the council's multi-million pound endorsement of The Water Gardens complex as another significant factor in the downward spiral of his old store, claiming it was pulling shoppers away from the Market Square end of the town

"My customer footfall had dropped dramatically after The Water Gardens was built, but the council still saw fit to bump up the rates, which nearly killed Full Cycle off.

"When you're in a position like I am - running a

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small, independent business that has to compete with the likes of Halfords and the internet for trade – then the least you would expect is some sort of help from the local authority.

Yet his enthusiasm for the business has not been tempered by his struggle and he now hopes for greater success in The Stow – although he will shift focus from sales to bike servicing and repairs.

"In the past, I've had people come into the shop, try out the bikes on sale and ask for advice before going home and ordering one from an online store that could afford to offer lower prices. This time around, I've decided that I'd do better to concentrate on spares and servicing, although I will continue to sell some bikes."

The council said it was not responsible for setting rents in the town centre as shop units were privately owned, while business rates were set nationally and not in its direct control.

"We try and help small retailers through the factors that are within our control," said a spokesman. "We are working to regenerate the town to make it an attractive place that people want to visit. A Town Centre Strategy has been developed which outlines a clear vision and masterplan for the town centre. A Town Centre Partnership has been established to support regeneration activities such as environmental and enhancement improvements to the town centre."

Shoddy internet presence costs small firms dear

A MULTI-million pound IT support package has been launched by a regional development organisation after research showed small firms are losing trade because of shoddy websites.

A survey conducted on behalf of the East of England Development Agency revealed that more than onethird of people in the region have been put off dealing with local firms due to a negative IT experience.

Poor quality websites were among the main culprits for turning off potential shoppers, while the research also uncovered that only 40 per cent of small businesses even have a website, which – according to the EEDA – means firms could be losing millions in trade.

In addition to the negative impact on sales opportunities, poor IT was found to have a sizeable effect on recruitment and retention of staff, with less than half of employees surveyed saying their internet connection met their needs and 44 per cent saying inadequate IT prevents them from doing their job

In light of the findings, the EEDA has now launched a £2.8m programme of IT support for firms in the region, offering practical and financial support measures over a three-year period.

Peter-McCarthy Ward, director of the takeITon campaign, said he hoped the research would be a major wakeup call for businesses in the East of England.

"In today's digital age, businesses cannot afford to be without a decent website or IT," he said. "It not only affects business growth through missed sales opportunities, but also has a massive impact on staff recruitment and retention.

"The takeITon campaign will address the issues raised by providing businesses with a package of support measures that will help boost productivity and ensure their businesses are fit for the 21st century."



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Pre-school growing up into day nursery



BABIES and toddlers will now be welcome at a former Harlow pre-school after it was awarded funding to develop into a day nursery.

Sunflowers Pre-School, in Sumners Leisure Centre, will be known as the Sunflower Day Nursery from next year. It will be run alongside the Sunflower Children's Centre

and Sunflower Family Services. The 56-place nursery will offer full day care for children aged three months to five years. At the moment the pre-school only offers care for those aged 2-5. Business development manager Caroline O'Mahony, pictured above, said: "This will give flexibility to parents who want to return to work."

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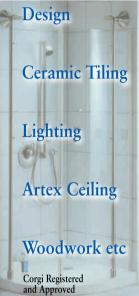
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Cook's special recipe for comfort and care



HEN thinking about the vital services offered by hospice staff, most of us might tend to focus on the amazing work carried out by nursing teams.

But it's all too easy to forget those working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth day-to-day running of the centre itself—the unsung heroes who peel the spuds, cook the meals and clean the dishes.

Without the energy, enthusiasm and cooking skills of Ed Firth, pictured right, patients at Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice wouldn't be treated to the bespoke, on-demand cookery service he so proudly champions. Ed's kitchen is open from 9am-6pm daily and he will go out of his way to cater for the needs and wants of the hospice's residents.

Sourcing fresh produce from local butchers, farms and greengrocers, he

cooks on average 16,500 meals every year, either from a set menu devised by himself or according to the whims and dietary requirements of patients. But despite his heavy workload, you won't hear Ed complaining. "It's a lot of hard work but it's all worthwhile," he said. "Sometimes I don't know what I'm going to be asked to serve up for dinner until the last moment, so you'll often see me scrambling around the supermarket late at night finding ingredients!' With a wealth experience working in

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restaurants, it's a
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readily meet. But what
attracted him to the job in
the first place?
"To be honest, originally it was

not having to work weekends or evenings! I'd been working for restaurants in London for 15 years and I was sick of doing it. This job came up and I thought I'd give it a go. Eight

years later, I'm still here and still enjoying it.

"I cook for the staff, day care and inpatients. Staff and day care choose from a set menu but the patients basically get free rein over what they choose – within reason!"

As well as the cooking and washing-up – which Ed shares with Chris Haynes, his assistant who works evenings in the kitchen – he also has to wear his accountant's hat from time to time, carefully managing the food budget.

"I don't normally have any problems as far the budget is concerned.

Sometimes we do go a little over during Christmas-time, but we always manage to claw it all back in the

intervening months.

"Obviously, we are entirely reliant on donations from the public, so their support of the hospice is absolutely crucial in allowing us to offer the

patients the kind of service they deserve."

But the nature of his working environment begs the question: does he find it emotionally testing to witness the deterioration of patients as they near death?

"I have to say it was difficult at first, but you gradually harden to it," he reasoned. "It's quite a personal role I have here as I get to meet all of our patients face-to-face and you do build up a rapport with them.

"Some won't have eaten for weeks, but they come in here and I'll have them eating within a day or so."

So what is Ed's message to those who are thinking about making a donation to this most worthy cause?

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She fed him every 15 minutes using an eye-dropper for the first three months of his life before starting him on proper cat food. The good news is that Lil'Bit is now healthy and enjoying a relatively normal life.

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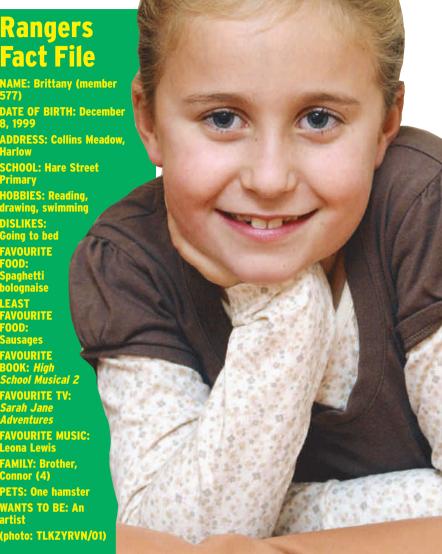
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BRIAN JONES
Sadly passed away on Saturday 24th November 2007, aged 57 years. Brian will be greatly missed by all his loving family and many friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Chapel on Wednesday 12th December 2007 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations made payable to 'The Canal Boat Project' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Telephone 01279 426990

MILDRED (MILLY) **HAYTER**

Died Wednesday 28th November 2007 aged 82 years. The dearly loved Mother and Mother-in-Law to Pat and Chris, Ray, Tina and Derek, Tony and Kate, Dennis and Steph, Martin and Claire, Tracey and Paul and a loving and comical Nan to all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be sadly missed and

fondly remembered by all of her loving family and many friends. The funeral service is to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 11th December 2007 at 2pm. All donations for the Royal Blind Society and enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow CM20 1QP. Telephone 01279 426990.

KEVIN ANTHONY SCALES

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LEN

BROWN

Love always Jan x

K RON K BURGE

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Your loving wife Ivy, children Carol, John, Patricia, Julie

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S DONALD **GILES**

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Family xx

JEAN % HARRISON

To my darling Jean on your birthday 9th December and our anniversary 10th December If tears could build a stairway And memories a

lane I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again

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K LUCY K **MUNROE**

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Love always Ronald and Mark xxx

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Love Dad xx

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all family and friends for their support and kindness, also those who sent cards and flowers on the sudden death of her beloved Maurice. Special thanks to Father Bogdan and Father Andrew, also Masterson Funeral Home

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HARRISON.



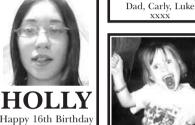
KELLY **STALLMAN**

Happy Birthday. Lots of love Mum, Dad, Tony and



LUCY

Happy 18th birthday for 10th December 2007. Love Mum Dad, Carly, Luke



JESSICA WILLS

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18th Birthday

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Tara. Nanny and

Grandad Taxi and

Nanny Cat xx



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LAUREN Happy 18th Birthday. Love Mum, Nadine, Dean XXX



ANNIE

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TURNER



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MARTINO

21st Birthday

21st BIRTHDAY

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CANTY. — Justine. Happy 21st Birthday. Love ya loads, Kevin. xxx

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REGGIE BOLDEN

Flats offer round-the-clock support

people struggling to find their feet after leaving care has opened in

The eight one-bedroomed flats, part of a new supported housing project in Hodings Road, were officially unveiled by Essex County Council and Family Mosaic housing association on Friday.

Tenants will share communal facilities including a kitchen and laundry room while staff have sleeping quarters and an office, enabling the facility to be supervised around the clock

"The object of this service is to promote independence by providing permanent support to enable tenants to maintain their tenancy and move on to more secure accommodation within six months to two years,' said a Family Mosaic spokeswoman.



OPEN DAY: Pictured, *left to right*, are councillor Ray Gooding, Maggie McEwen, Essex County Council chairman Gerard McEwan and Family Mosaic chief executive Brendon Sarsfield (photo: PTH9SC9Q/02)

Council Bin Survey -**Waste and Recycling**

Harlow Council's waste contract expires in April 2009 and the Council is now considering how best to provide the new service through the next contract. The current service covers the emptying of wheelie bins in designated areas with a sack collection service for the rest of the town. Household refuse is picked up weekly with recycling collected fortnightly. To gather ideas about how the new contract may work, the Council will be assessing how each home in the town could store waste and recycling containers outside.

Contractors will be looking at properties from the street to determine what waste and recycling containers would be suitable for each. Householders will not need to do anything as part of the exercise, and personnel doing this exercise will carry identification. This will inform the specification for the new contract. No decision has yet been taken about the new collection system but, by undertaking this survey the Council is carefully assessing the potential options for each individual property.

The one Council service that impacts on every resident on a regular basis is waste and recycling collection. This topic is a significant issue for Authorities across the Country, and now regularly attracts nationwide publicity. No longer is it a simple matter of collecting rubbish once a week and depositing it in a landfill site. Authorities have to meet statutory recycling targets, and compete in league tables of performance.

Dilemmas for Authorities include which materials to collect from the kerbside, which containers should be provided, what vehicles should be used and frequency of collections of different wastes. There is also the looming potential for massive Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) fines for Authorities landfilling too much biodegradable waste. These fines could be many millions of pounds in future years for Essex. This is all in addition to how and where to dispose of the materials, including reuse and recycling outlets.

The aim should be to reduce waste produced in the first place, then reuse materials where possible, followed by recycling, recovery of energy, and only finally disposal. To achieve high recycling, it is important to make this as easy for residents as possible. Key to this is the type of container provided, and the combination and frequency of collection of the different materials. This exercise aims to identify the best system for Harlow and its residents.

For more information on recycling and waste disposal in Harlow visit www.harlow.gov.uk or phone (01279) 446655.



Escape bid thief leapt over police station wall

A HEROIN addict arrested for community order. shoplifting escaped from Harlow Police Station by vaulting a wall.

David Cockman made his dash for freedom while waiting outside the custody holding area, Chelmsford Crown Court heard last Wednesday.

He jumped on to the bonnet of a parked police car and then got on the roof of the building before leaping over the wall.

However, his 30 minutes of freedom came to an abrupt end when he was found hiding in a supermarket car park and re-arrested.

Cockman (26), of Heath Court, Hertford, admitted charges of theft and escaping from custody. He had also been committed for sentence for other offences of theft and handling stolen goods and for two breaches of a

Carolyn Gardiner, prosecuting, said the incident happened on September 25 after police were called to the premises of TK Maxx in Harlow town centre where Cockman had been apprehended by security staff for stealing two handbags and 20 beauty sets worth a total of £312.

Sasha Bailey, representing Cockman, said in mitigation he had been living a chaotic lifestyle and had been spending £60-£70 a day on drugs.

She said he had been making efforts to free himself of drugs.

Jailing Cockman for 15 months, Judge

David Turner told him: "Escaping from custody is a serious matter although I'm prepared to accept this was opportunist and not



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The panto is bursting with fun, packed



with songs and oozing with slapstick and side-splitting gags. Audience participation is essential with all the usual hissing, booing, cheering and, of course, bags of laughs.

The Sheriff of Nottingham, who has been left in charge of the babes, hatches a dastardly plan to dispose of them and get his hands on their inheritance. His bungling henchmen snatch the babes from their nurse.

takes them to the woods and lose

How will the babes survive in the woods? Will Robin Hood and his Merry Men find them? Will the Sheriff get his wicked way?

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ACROSS 1. Style of popular

dance music (4-4) 5. Surname of brothers Orville and Wilbur, port (8) 10. Island in Arthurian legend (6) 12. Final words from an author (5) 13. Breed of cattle also called Durham (9) 14. In Pennsylvania, the fourth largest city in the USA (12) 19. Author of King Solomon's Mines (5,7) 22. Regulated investment company

25. Plant of the agave family with sword-like leaves (5) 26. Chronic breathing complaint (6) 27. One who records events, usually in chronological order (8) 28. City in south-east

Arizona (6) 29. Frightening being whose name is invoked to threaten children (8) **DOWN**

1. Talk rapidly and indistinctly (6)

2. Solider in old French infantry body originally comprised of Algerians

3. Sixteenth century English sailor who sought the North-West

ACROSS: 1 Jazz-funk; 5 Wright; 9 Boulogne; 10 Avalon; 12 Envoi; 13 Shorthorn; 14 Philadelphia; 15 Lacegue; 16 Lardy-cake; 17 Urquhart; 18 Adriatic; 20 Actium; 27 Borgom; 28 Teogram; 17 Hot dog; 17 Lacegue; 16 Lardy-cake; 17 Urquhart; 18 Adriatic; 20 Actium; 21 Caxton; 23 Teogram; 24 Caxton; 25 Teogram; 27 Caxton; 28 Teogram; 27 Caxton; 28 Teogram; 28 Teogram; 28 Teogram; 28 Teogram; 28 Teogram; 29 Teogram; 29 Teogram; 20 T

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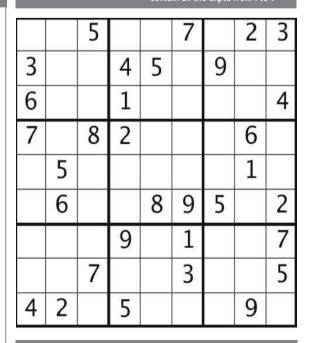
soft roll (3,3) 15. Association of clubs

16. Item of food made with bread dough and dried fruit (5-4) 17. Castle on the banks of Loch Ness (8) 18. Sea east of Italy (8) 20. Decisive battle in 31BC in which Octavian defeated Mark Antony and Cleopatra (6) 21. William pioneering English printer (6)

24. Native American friend of the Lone Ranger (5)

23. Speed and rhythm

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BEARING UP

Compass points to a change of dimension

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arts diary

STAGE: The Harlow Theatre Company will perform the first in a run of its adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas

Carol on Wednesday. The performances will run until December 22. Doors open at 7.30pm, with matinee performances beginning at 3pm on December 15, 16 and 22. Tickets cost £7.50 (£6 concessions).

ENTERTAINMENT: It's

Whittington kicks off its run

on Thursday. Performances run until January 12 and

this year's show promises

songs, dance and side-splitting comedy. Tickets cost £9-£16. For details

about performances and to book tickets, call the box office on (01279) 431945.

MUSIC: Harlow Chorus

Waltham Abbey Church

on Saturday. Tickets cost from £8-£12, (£5 for under

16s). To book, call 01277 362440.

will be performing a

choral music and

traditional carols at

selection of seasonal

panto time at The Playhouse when Dick

Friends reunited for a musical tribute to Blake

HARLOW musicians and lifelong friends Paul Howard and Jo Clack will be returning to the town when they put on a concert to celebrate their latest collaboration.

Singer Paul and guitarist Jo, who met as pupils at St Mark's School, have been recording on and off for years but made their return to the musical arena with a 12-track CD Songs of Innocence and Experience.

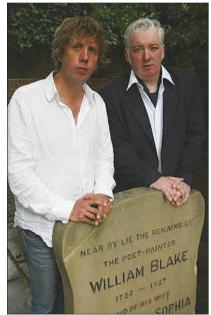
The work, which was recorded at The Square, features the poems of William Blake set to music. It took a year to complete and marks the 250th birthday of the London poet and painter.

The CD is a snapshot of some of Blake's best work which has been brought into the 21st century.

"We have played on and off together since school but we really got back together again making music for the Blake project, partly because we are interested in William Blake but also because it tied in with his 250th anniversary," said Jo.

"There are quite a lot of arty interpretations of his work so we wanted to record his poems as melodic songs to make his work more

"Blake would often sing his poems and he called many of his poems songs," said Paul. "It is said he was singing on his deathbed in 1827 and it was with that in mind that we approached this



PAUL HOWARD and JO CLACK

project."

Their interpretations have won critical acclaim in art circles and they were even invited to perform at the Tate Gallery during anniversary exhibitions celebrating the life and work of Blake. Paul and Jo will be launching their CD at the concert at St John's ARC in Old Harlow on Saturday. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets costing £5 will be available on the door on the night.



Hat-trick for dance star

DANCING queen Naomi Harryman scooped three trophies at a national dance competition.

The nine-year-old who goes to Churchgate Primary School, in Hobbs Cross Road, Harlow, and has been dancing since she was four, won heats to get through to the British Theatre Dance Association England finals which were held in Leicester. Naomi won the junior tap, acrobatic and lyrical dance categories, much to the delight of her family.

Thrilled mum Michelle said: "We were all really pleased. We weren't expecting anything because the competition is stiff but she did really well and we are all really proud."

Church concert raises cash for the homeless A CONCERT in aid of Harlow's homeless was hailed a success when more than 200 people turned out to support the event on Saturday. The London International Orchestra entertained the audience at St Paul's

\$4.000 for the Streets2Homes charity based in Wych Elm. go towards funding the homeless centre for the forthcoming months.

Prospective Conservative Parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon, who helped co-ordinate the event with organiser and Streets2homes manager Patsy Dye, said: "It was absolutely unbelievable. This wasn't only a good thing for the homeless in Harlow, but it was for the town as well."

Mrs Dye added: "It was more than we could have imagined. Even members of the orchestra said they had enjoyed



Church in The High, Harlow, with a musical extravaganza which is thought to have raised an estimated

MUSIC NIGHT: Left to right, conductor Toby Purser, Patsy Dye, Robert Halfon and artistic director Sarah Aaronson with members of the London International Orchestra (photo:LZRJFB7W/01)



Fantasy blockbuster has good points...and bad

TRANSFORMING bestselling fantasy novels into big-screen box office hits is not as easy as Peter Jackson made it seem with his peerless Lord Of The Rings trilogy.

So fans of the works of Phillip Pullman could be forgiven for approaching this adaptation of the first of the author's *His Dark* Materials novels with a sense of

Could director Chris Weitz - the man who brought us American Pie and About A Boy – really transfer his talents to a state-of-the-art, CGIdrenched children's fantasy? Sadly, the short answer is no. This

THE GOLDEN COMPASS

certificate 12A, running time 1h53m

movie lacks the inspired direction and epic sensibility so acutely important to success in the genre. That said, there is an impressive debut by young starlet Dakota Blue Richards and several other powerhouse performances which come close to making up for Weitz's considerable technical shortcomings. Richards plays Lyra Belaqua, the precocious young heroine of the piece who lives among scholars in a parallel Oxford's Jordan College. Her dashing uncle, Lord Asriel (Daniel Craig), is too preoccupied with exploring the Arctic to look after her, yet their lives are inextricably linked

and in perpetual danger.

Both are stalked by members of the Magisterium, an enigmatic organisation with designs on world domination. When Lyra is given a magical golden compass by the Master of her college, the sinister yet charismatic Marisa Coulter (Nicole Kidman) takes in the young stray and tries to coax the instrument from her

But when children begin mysteriously disappearing, Lyra escapes the clutches of her glamorous captor to journey to the far North and rescue her kidnapped peers. With the help of an unusual band of allies, including a strapping Texan aeronaut (Sam Elliot), a sympathetic witch queen (Eva Green) and an enormous

armoured polar bear (voiced emphatically by Sir Ian McKellen), she is drawn into a desperate struggle to save her uncle and retain the mysterious compass.

While the acting is for the most part fine and occasionally exemplary, it fails to mask the uneven technical execution, the often rather choppy visuals and a narrative lacking in the fluidity and coherence of Pullman's masterpiece.

With any plans for sequels apparently dependent on the takings of this somewhat diffident first effort, we may never get to see the dramatic climax of an exceptional morality fable that has been inexcusably let down by the myriad shortcomings of its director.

It's ho, ho, ho from Santa's bro, bro, bro

cinema ... gigs ...



FRED CLAUS

certificate PG, running time 1h56m

VINCE Vaughn, *pictured above*, plays Fred, a bitter, twisted pen-pusher with a Scrooge-like contempt for the festive

But his distaste for the season of goodwill comes from an unusual source — he is Santa Claus's brother and spent his childhood growing up in the sizeable shadow of his saintly

Brotherly love is hardly prevalent in their relationship but when down-atheels repo man Fred runs up some hefty gambling debts and struggles to find the money to repay them he is forced to turn to his portly peer for

Being a benevolent soul and ignoring the vehement objections of Mrs Claus, Santa (Paul Giamatti) decides to offer assistance but on one condition - Fred must travel to his North Pole workshop and pay off his debts with hard graft.

But when Santa's enterprise is threatened with closure following an inspection by efficiency expert Clyde Northcutt (Kevin Spacey), the tables are turned. Can Fred shake off his envy and pull his finger out to help his

Although this would appear to be the latest in an interminably long line of inevitable Christmas cash-ins, it is at least an enjoyable and occasionally hilarious festive romp which sees Vaughn at his unsavoury, fast-talking best and should even put a seasonal smile on the lips of every small-town Scrooge among us.

sound check with Chris Moss

DISCORDANT, atonal, raucous, shambolic, aggressive - all adjectives used to describe propa' punk rock and all applicable when enthusing about the rampant, slavering beast of a band that is WTHAS.

Taking the primal, frenetic urgency of Raw Power-era Stooges and blending it seamlessly with the melodic post-punk/hardcore alchemy of Biffy Clyro and McLusky, the indefatigable young upstarts have turned a few heads with their sporadic live shows and bone-shaking rock 'n' roll insanity. Formed in late 2006, they have only played a handful of impromptu local gigs - some very good, others (by their own admission) "god-awful" terrible. They are currently holed up in the

studio putting the finishing

touches to their much-delayed EP set for release in the new year on local indie label Chapel Hill, but keep your eyes peeled for the occasional live appearance announced on their website. where you will also soon find tantalising previews of their much-vaunted debut.

gig guide **TONIGHT**

SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow - showcase gig CHEQUERS, Market Street, Old Harlow - The

FRIDAY

SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow - Guns On The or, pregs or society, splittire

CROWN, Market Street, Old Harlow - Bob & Doug SHARK, Hobtoe Road, Harlow - Freebird

SATURDAY

SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow - Rock Club gig **BURNT MILL SNOOKER & SOCIAL CLUB,** Edinburgh Way, Harlow - Soul Intention PURPLE EMPEROR, Momples Road, Harlow -

HEMNALL SOCIAL CLUB, Hemnall Street, Epping -

SUNDAY

HEMNALL SOCIAL CLUB, Hemnall Street, Epping - Dave Paisley

CD reviews by Ben Wilkinson

DREAM DAYS AT THE HOTEL EXISTENCE Powderfinger (album, Universal)

It's all very well looking like a group of geography teachers, but when your latest album sounds like a wet weekend on the Brecon Beacons it's time to throw in the towel. Unfortunately, Australian rock giants Powderfinger aren't content to rest on their laurels, instead inflicting an insipid splutter of earnest radio rock upon an unsuspecting and rather indifferent public.

Obviously conceived with the American market in mind, this album of string-laden balladry and high-gloss alt-rock smacks of dellar deponds in the control of the c

dollar desperation and will only serve to alienate their fanbase.

THE DARK

God Fires Man (EP, Xtra Mile)

Assertive, aggressive, assiduous and antagonistic? Or asinine, absurd and atonal? Whatever your take on the anthemic New York alt-rawkers, their music certainly packs a punch. Taking their cues from Muse, The Smashing Pumpkins and even My Bloody Valentine, they're the sort of band for whom the loathsome term 'soundscape' was invented, and this EP gives a teasing taste of their melodic, epic and intense - yet ultimately

also showing

BEOWULF/BEOWULF 3-D. The Anglo-Saxon legend is

brought to life by Robert Zemeckis' extraordinary computer-tweaked live action. The 3-D version will have popcorn flying all over the place as the eponymous hero warrior (Ray Winstone) battles the hideous monster Grendel to save peasants from his drooling jaws.

AMERICAN GANGSTER. The team which brought us the awesome Gladiator - director Ridley Scott and actor Russell Crowe - now turns to cops and robbers. Crowe's brow-beaten cop is on the heels of Denzel Washington's bad boy drug

RATATOUILLE. Pixar strikes gold in this animation about a rat becoming the top chef in Paris after wowing a fearsome critic with his skills.

STARDUST. In a countryside town bordering on a magical land, a young lovesick man makes a promise to his needy sweetheart that he'll retrieve a fallen star for her from the sinister magical realm.

SANTA CLAUSE 3 - THE ESCAPE CLAUSE. Santa (Tim Allen), aka Scott Calvin, is faced with double-dilemma during the festive season: how to keep his new family happy and how to stop Jack Frost from ruining Christmas.

SHREK THE THIRD. Hilarious animation in which the green ogre tries to find an alternative to himself taking the throne of the land of Far Far Away

THE SIMPSONS. Homer unintentionally wreaks havoc on Springfield in the form of an environmental disaster and has to

preview

BEE MOVIE. Barry B. Benson, a bee fresh out of college, is a little disillusioned at his sole job option - making honey. But when he discovers humans actually eat the sweet secretion after a near-death experience on a trip outside the hive, he decides to sue. Bonkers animated comedy scripted by stand-up legend Jerry Seinfeld.

monday classic

BREACH. FBI upstart Eric O'Neill enters into a power struggle with his boss, Robert Hanssen, an agent ultimately convicted of selling secrets to the Soviet Union. Based on a true story.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Time for a blast of heavy metal **TRANSFORMERS** (DreamWorks, 12, retail & rental) Who could've guessed that after the laughable cultural train wreck that was Pearl Harbour, director Michael Bay could coax so much entertainment

from another grinding crash of metal? Whatever his shortcomings as a film-maker, he has few equals when it comes to marshalling big dumb, iaw-dropping spectacle on a huge budget, making him the perfect choice to midwife this live action adaptation of the toy range that became a cult cartoon series.

He starts as he means to go on, opening with a US military base in Qatar abruptly coming under devastating attack from the giant shapeshifting robots Blackout and Scorpion, which lay waste to the installation and hack into its database

Cut to the US and high school student Sam Witwicky (Shiva Labour) bags a cool if battered old car which turns out to be the benign but mute robot Bumblebee.

He's more interested in using his new ride to impress hot girlfriend Michaela (the appropriately named Megan Fox), but before they get a chance to find paradise by the dashboard light they're caught in the middle of real life robot wars.

It turns out the Qatar raid was merely an opening gambit by the evil Decepticons, here on Earth to track down their all-powerful leader Megatron, seek out the McGuffinesque talisman The Allspark and then wreak havoc on the universe. All that stands in their way is a small band of Autobots, led by the stoic Optimus Prime.

But to hell with plot – you parted with your hardearned to see big bad-ass robots slugging it out in the city streets like the Rumble In The Jungle transposed to a wrecker's yard; Bay clearly knows it and serves up one clanging, pile-driving smackdown after another to slap a stupid grin all over my face for the bulk of the 144-minute running time.

Tell the geeks who whine about Optimus Prime being given lips to go get a life, slip your brain in comfy jar for a couple of hours and settle in for some seriously heavy metal.

Star rating: ★★★

BELOVED

(Network, PG, retail)

Cuban director Humberto Solás' 1983 drama is an odd blend of doomed romance story conventions and politics which focuses too much on the former to really convince in the latter stakes.

In 1914, wealthy bourgeois wife Amada is trapped in a deeply unhappy marriage to her politically ambitious, unfaithful husband and manipulated by her blind mother until her simmering passions are given vent in a clandestine affair with her handsome, idealistic young cousin Marcial.

He begs her to leave her stale life and run away with him to warm themselves in the heat of his romanticised anarchist passions but she can't summon the courage to endure the ensuing scandal

and the loss of her cosseted status.

It's a handsomely shot film but it's beauty is only skin-deep and there are only so many scenes of unfulfilled longing and poignantly bittersweet assignations the viewer can take before it starts to drag and you want to throttle Amada for her selfregarding angst.

She and her family, enriched by her late father's successful slave-trading, clearly represent the old status quo of Cuba, locked in their own navel-gazing opulence as the unseen world outside the gates goes to Hell in a handcart laden with poverty and disease; Marcial offers a way for her to evolve but she clings so tightly to the old ways that her eventual decision to move on comes too late too be of any practical

Similarly, the film's big climax is an unexpected dollop of political significance which drops portentously from out of nowhere and so is robbed of any impact by all the trite Mills & Boon shenanigans which precede it.

Star rating: ★★

THE TWELVE CHAIRS

(Network, PG, retail)

As far as political education in the guise of popular entertainment goes, this 1962 Cuban comedy by Tomás Gutiérrez Alea is a far better bet.

Hipólito is a previously wealth man adrift in postrevolutionary Cuba who learns from his aunt on her deathbed that she has hidden a small fortune in jewels inside one of 12 antique English chairs he used to own.

What ensues is an engaging exercise in broad farce as Hipólito sets out to lay his hands on the wealth, enlisting the help of a former servant to track them

down now that the personal property of the rich has been nationalised

Their quest is begun in greed but over the course of their mishaps and adventures, Hipólito and the audience are given a gentle re-education in socialist values by a good-natured, charming film which wouldn't look out of place in the French or Italian new waves of those times.

Star rating: ★★★

THE LOST WORLD: THE COMPLETE **SECOND SEASON**

(Liberation Entertainment, 12, retail)

The John Landis co-produced series launched off from the novel by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (although by now bearing virtually no resemblance to its source) understands well enough not to fix something that's not broken.

The Victorian adventurers led by Professor Challenger return for another 22 episodes across six discs of untaxing, formulaic but fun high adventure as they wage an unending struggle to survive on an isolated plateau where evolution has followed its own course, encountering all manner of cheap computer-generated dinosaurs, unlikely humanoid peoples, colourful tribes and a wealth of deadly flora and fauna.

The show evidently has a handle on its target audience (at a guess, young teenage males?) and opts to let the action man characters take a bit more of a backseat for this series while increasingly foregrounding remarkably vivacious, pneumatic local girl Veronica (Jennifer O'Dell). Can't argue with that logic.

Star rating: ★★

★★★★ unmissable ★★★★ very good ★★★ good

★★ fair

★ don't bother

and Chris Moss

SISTER ROSE

lan Brown (single, Fiction)

This is sure to please Brown fans, sounding not dissimilar to just about everything else he's ever recorded since leaving The Stone Roses. Typically overproduced, it doesn't have enough of a hook to put it alongside 'classics' such as F.E.A.R. and My Star.

WE'LL LIVE AND DIE IN THESE TOWNS The Enemy (single, Warner Bros)

The latest band to adopt the confusing trend of putting out their album's title track as a single, their solid LP boasts other cuts much more deserving of their own release. Still, as shameless rip-offs of The Jam go, there have been worse examples ...

SEALEGS

The Shins (single, Transgressive/Sub Pop)

A challenging listen with its hip-hop inspired beat matched with acoustic guitar and mellow singing, this seems a strange choice to release as a single. But while a high chart position may be unlikely, it gets full marks for originality.

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Film: Halloween 5: The Revenge Of Michael Myers (1989). The invincible killer returns to wreak havoc as he hacks his way through a string of unfortunate victims. Grisly horror, starring Donald Pleasence; Weatherview 581430

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BBC 2



The Tudors – Jeremy Northam stars as Sir Thomas More

6.00 CBeebies 84755 7.00 CBBC: Yvon Of The Yukon (R) 3427769 7.25 Newsround 3070755 7.30 Whizz Whizz Bang Bang (R) 3031561 7.55 Clutter Nutters (R) 8532200 8.30 CBeebies: In The Night Garden (R) 53649 **9.00** Me Too! (R) 4749397 **9.20** Pingu (R) 8715113 **9.30** Jakers! (R) 9969620 **9.55** Mr Tumble (R) 5122281 **10.00** Pinky Dinky Doo (R) 2036281 **10.15** Numberjacks (R) 2026804 **10.30** Schools: Social Inclusion Dramas 8789397 10.50 BBC Primary History 8769533 **11.10** Maths 1490026 **11.20** Maths 1481378 **11.30** BBC Primary Geography 8413991 **11.45** Something Special 8514674 12.00 Daily Politics 57465 12.30 Working Lunch 39262 **1.30** Live Tennis (R) 1133620 **3.45** Flog It! (R) 3141823 4.30 Food Poker 2553281 5.15 Weakest Link 6243858 **6.00** Eggheads (R) 620 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two 200

Airfix: Britain's Next Top Model? The resurrection of the Airfix brand. 4945 7.00 **Edwardians In Colour: The Wonderful** World Of Albert Kahn. On the eve of World War One, the photographers travel across western Europe capturing the values of rural life. Last in series. 484

A Passion For Plants. Pigs in the gardens of Harlow Carr in Yorkshire. Last in series. 7465

8.30 Gardeners' World Special. Sarah Raven explores the UK market for cut flowers, which has reached an all-time high. She visits cutting gardens up and down the country. (R) 9200

The Tudors. New chancellor Sir Thomas More starts cracking down on religious extremists, but Anne Boleyn convinces the King he should at least consider Martin Luther's writings. Meanwhile, Cardinal Wolsey and Queen Catherine form an uneasy alliance to try to protect their positions. 7552

QI. Stephen Fry quizzes Alan Davies, Hugh Laurie, John Sessions and Danny Baker for more interesting answers on subjects including Adam and Eve, anteaters, artichokes and Ancient Greece in the mind-boggling quiz show. (R) 58194

Newsnight 67842

Newsnight Review; Weather 208736 Later With Jools Holland 383991 Blast 2539476

Film: The Designated Mourner (1997). David Hare directs this adaptation of Wallace Shawn's play, centring on the thoughts of three people living under an oppressive regime. Drama, starring Mike Nichols. 839953

Star Trek: The Next Generation 3.00

Star Trek: The Next Generation (R) 2880663 BBC News 24 4771514 3.45

ITV 1



Rebus – A spate of gangland killings threatens Rebus's career

6.00 GMTV 4036378 **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show 3999571 10.30 This Morning 72945 12.30 Loose Women. Jason Donovan provides a male perspective. 39216 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News 70858 **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover 69823 **3.00** Rosemary Shrager's School For Cooks. The week's three finalists compete for a place in the semi-finals. 8129 3.59 London Weather 6690026 4.00 Midsomer Murders. Part one of two. A womaniser is murdered with an ancient spear. (R) 4736 **5.00** Chris Tarrant's Great Pretender. Game of bluff in which one player bags the prize money halfway through the show, then has to keep the other contestants guessing in a bid to hang on to the cash. 7842. **6.00** London Tonight; Weather 674 **6.30** ITV Evening News; Weather 246

Emmerdale. Matthew tells the police 7.00 he is being framed. 8571

Coronation Street. David's luck runs out when Jason calls Becky's phone and Sarah hears it ringing in her brother's pocket. Rvan tells Michelle he thinks he's being followed and the bookies clamp Lloyd's car. 910

A Merry Cheaper Christmas: Tonight Advice on celebrating Christmas on a budget. 4991

All New Airline. A charity sets up a clinic at Liverpool John Lennon Airport to recruit volunteer bone marrow donors. a paintball team check in at Gatwick en route to the world championship. 3026

9.00 **Rebus.** The maverick detective finds his career on the line once more when his unconventional methods cause a murder case to collapse and lead to a gangland revenge killing. Last of four new episodes, continuing on from October. 1649

10.30 ITV News; Weather 899842

The People's £50 Million Lottery Giveaway Katie Derham recaps the projects shortlisted for the biggest pay-out ever by the National Lottery. The result will be announced in next week's ITV Evening News. Last in

series. 714842 Numb3rs Don investigates four cases of poisoning from non-prescription drugs. 688303 11.20

Make Your Play 76005088 **Karen Sisco** (R) 2732458 **ITV Nightscreen** 13156

CHANNEL 4



A Place in the Sun: Home or Away Jonnie Irwin presents

6.10 The Hoobs (R) 3511115 6.35 The Hoobs (R) 3818007 **7.00** Freshly Squeezed 5122197 **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond (R) 2972674 **7.55** Just Shoot Me (R) 6386638 8.25 Frasier (R) 5991991 **8.50** Frasier (R) 7015668 **9.20** ER (R) 8005587 **10.15** ER (R) 5106823 **11.05** Without A Trace (R) 9544649 **12.00** News At Noon 42533 **12.30** It's Me Or The Dog (R) 79129 **1.00** How Clean Is Your House? (R) 89129 1.30 Film: Victim (1961, b/w). Thriller, starring Dirk Bogarde. 34112303 **3.25** Countdown 1143007 4.15 Deal Or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds. 6873804 5.00 The Paul O'Grady Show. With Michael Parkinson. 5484 6.00 The Simpsons. Homer forms a security group. (R) 216 **6.30** Hollyoaks. Rhys struggles with his feelings for Beth. 668

Channel 4 News 529823 First Cut: The Rules Of Seduction. 7.00 7.35

Director John Farrar investigates the world of the dedicated chat-up artist, a community of men who believe their sequence of tricks, codes and routines can seduce any woman they encounter. 374804

A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away. Jonnie Irwin and Jasmine Harman provide a Gloucestershire couple with assistance as they decide on a retirement property. Husband Michael wants to embrace the quiet life on the Isle of Arran off the west coast of Scotland. 2484

Ugly Betty. Wilhelmina causes a crisis 9.00 at Mode, which results in everyone scrambling to re-create an issue on deadline. Daniel and Betty attempt to break wild-child cover girl Cameron Ashlock out of rehab for a re-shoot, and Alexis tries to charm the printer into extending their time. 2620

Max & Paddy's Road To Nowhere. Part one of two. Max learns a dark secret which threatens to change his life for good. (R) 466378

10.35 Max & Paddy's Road To Nowhere. Part two of two. The duo deal with an unwelcome newcomer while in prison. (R) 914084

Father Ted. The Craggy Island clerics face an untimely death during the return flight from a visit to a holy shrine. (R) 480002

4Music: Transmission. Performances by Kasabian and Babyshambles. 496649

4Music: Nike Supersonic 7204779 4Music: Digital Music Awards 2007 1.10

2.10 4Music: Dubplate Drama (R) 4431953 Goalissimo 1065427 World Cup Snowboard 278021 2.35 3.30 Countdown (R) 3272243

12.45

FIVE



NCIS – New series of the American naval crime drama

6.00 Milkshake! The Save-Ums! (R) 31392620 **6.10** The Beeps (R) 88907216 **6.25** Thomas 31311755 **6.35** Angels Of Jarm 24556262 **6.45** Funky Valley 35503200 **6.50** Franny's Feet (R) 35591465 **7.00** Little Princess 3806910 **7.20** Rupert 1220620 **7.35** Roary (R) 2001804 **7.50** Noddy (R) 2022397 **8.05** Fifi (R) 3509007 **8.20** Peppa Pig (R) 3143216 8.30 Thomas & Friends (R) 2964303 8.40 Elmo's World (R) 5091910 9.00 Wright Stuff 8086216 **10.30** Trisha Goddard 1557649 **11.30** News 3760378 **12.00** Home And Away (R) 5043991 **12.30** Cooking The Books (R) 4692397 **1.00** Zoo Days (R) 5061755 1.30 Postcards (R) 34582842 1.40 Film: Lucy (2003). 72375842 **3.40** Five News 46730465 **3.50** Film: Crossed Over (2002). 5717736 **5.30** News 4848484 **6.00** Home And Away 4845397 **6.30** Cooking The Books 4836649

Five News 2603649 Will Work For Nuts. Matt Thompson attempts to take 'celebrity' photos of squirrels. Lloyd Buck's captive raven amazes a crowd on onlookers with the three-cup trick, while a fox turns down the opportunity to eat dessert. Last in series. 4825533

World's Strongest Man Super Series. Highlights of the Muscle Beach leg of the Super Series in Venice in Los Angeles. Events include the Atlas stones, the farmer's walk and the tombstone carry. Presented by Martin Bayfield, with commentary from Nick Halling. 9688736

NCIS. New series. Tony and the team try to prove Ziva had nothing do with a political assassination carried out by her former Mossad partner - but have to tackle the case without Gibbs, who has retired to Mexico and now spends his time building boats. drama starring Cote de Pablo. 9691200

Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Goren 10.00 and Eames must find concrete evidence to convict a fraudster when they uncover a medical scandal during an investigation into the murders of two pharmaceutical delivery drivers. Detective drama, starring Vincent D'Onofrio. (R) 9774587

Angelo's. The cafe owner seeks female companionship in the form of a customer's sister. Kris is nervous about asking Maria out on a date, while Dave gets himself into trouble over a bad joke. 3857858

Valley Of The Sex Dolls. A fetish filmmaker provides a behind-the-scenes look at his latest movie, and a transsexual performer discusses her career. (R) 3925281

Quiz Call 27393779 Wildlife SOS (R) 13298232 Wildlife SOS (R) 17340330

SATELLITE AND FREEVIEW

ITV Morning News 63972

SKY ONE

6.00 Cruise With Stelios: Mediterranean6.30 Lion Man 7.00 Malcolm In The Middle 7.30 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old?
8.30 Malcolm In The Middle 9.00 The Dog Whisperer 10.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 Stargate SG-1 12.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **1.00** Cruise With Stelios: Mediterranean **1.30** Lion Man **2.00** Bones 3.00 Stargate SG-1 4.00 Stargate SG-1 5.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 6.00 Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **9.00** Project Runway 10.00 Film: True Romance (1993). Thriller, with Dennis Hopper. 12.05 Hatton Mayweather 24/7 1.05 Ibiza Uncovered 2.00 Ibiza Uncovered 2.55 Nip/Tuck 3.45 Nip/Tuck 4.40 Guilty!

7.00 Doctor Who 8.00 Doctor Who 8.45 Doctor Who Confidential 9.00 Torchwood 9.50 Torchwood Declassified 10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Heroes 11.15 Heroes Unmasked: The Story So Far 12.15 Family Guy 12.40 Family Guy 1.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 1.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 2.00 The Mighty Boosh 2.25 Tittybangbang 2.55 Torchwood 3.45 Two Pints Of Lager And A

Packet Of Crisps **4.15** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **4.45** Close

7.00 World News Today; Weather 7.30 Gergiev Conducts Three 20th Century Greats 9.00 Brasil, Brasil 10.00 Doctors To Be: Twenty Years On 10.30 QI 11.00 Flight Be: Iwenty Years On 10.30 QI 11.00 Flight Of The Conchords 11.35 Batman 12.00 Batman 12.25 The History Of The World Backwards 12.55 Brasil, Brasil 1.55 Doctors To Be: Twenty Years On 2.25 Gergiev Conducts Three 20th Century Greats 3.55 ITV2

9.25 Coronation Street 9.55 Emmerdale 10.25 The Montel Williams Show 11.10 Judge Judy 12.30 Coronation Street 1.00 Emmerdale 1.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show 3.40 Ricki Lake 4.20 Sally Jessy Raphael 5.05 Airline 5.40 Judge Judy **6.05** Judge Judy **6.30** Judge Judy **6.55** The X Factor. The five remaining acts perform. 8.25 The X Factor - The Results 9.00 Katie & Peter: Unleashed. The couple host their own chat show.10.00
Coronation Street 10.30 Ghosthunting With Radio One **12.30** Katie & Peter: Unleashed **1.30** Teleshopping **4.30** ITV2 Nightscreen 5.00 ITV2 Nightscreen



Project Runway, Sky One, 9.00pm

6.00 Cagney And Lacey 6.50 Heartbeat 7.50 Ironside 8.55 The Bill 9.55 The Bill 10.55 Tales Of The Unexpected 11.25 Cagney And Lacey 12.30 Heartbeat 1.40 History Makers Custer - The Story Of Yellow Hair 2.50 The Rockford Files 3.50 Due South 4.50 Great Garden Detectives 5.50 Heartbeat 6.55 The Two Ronnies **7.55** Pie In The Sky **9.00** Film: Cadillac Man (1990) Comedy drama, starring Robin Williams Including Entertainment News Update. **10.55** Tales Of The

Unexpected 11.30 Tales Of The Unexpected 12.05 The Two Ronnies 1.05 Film: Cadillac Man (1990) 2.40 Ironside 3.30 Teleshopping

6.00 Randall And Hopkirk (Deceased) 7.00 Space 1999 **8.00** The Professionals **9.00** Police, Camera, Action! **10.00** Film: Christine (1983). Good-looking chiller, Keith Gordon stars. Including Entertainment News Update. 12.10 Police, Camera, Action! 1.10 Starved 2.10 Dinner For Five 2.50 The Professionals 3.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 4.00 Teleshopping

6.00 Anything Goes 8.00 Daniel Craig And Nicole Kidman 9.00 Nothing But Winter 2001 10.00 Like Ice? You'll Love This 11.00 Fresh Films 11.55 Scrubs 12.20 Scrubs 12.50 Ed 1.40 The OC 2.30 The OC 3.20 Shipwrecked 2006: Battle Of The Islands 4.25 Hollyoaks 5.00 Friends 5.30 Friends 6.00 Scrubs 6.30 Scrubs **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** The War At Home **8.00** Friends **8.30** Friends **9.00** Brat Camp: Mums And Daughters. Hippy mum Helen and 14-year-old Chloe. **10.00** Film: Made In America (1993) Romantic comedy, with Whoopi Goldberg. **12.05** Scrubs **1.05** The OC **2.45** Ed **3.25** The War At Home **3.45** Shipwrecked 2006: Battle Of The Islands 4.45 Switched 5.35 Switched

9.00 Deal Or No Deal 9.45 Room For Improvement 10.45 A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away 12.55 3 Minute Wonder 1.10 Deal Or No Deal 2.00 ER 4.00 Location, Location, Location **5.05** Selling Houses Abroad **6.05** Deal Or No Deal **7.00** Grand Designs 8.00 More4 News 8.30 Unreported World 9.00 Without A Trace 10.00 ER 12.00 The Sopranos 1.15 Without A Trace 2.15 Countdown 3.00 Close **UKTV GOLD**

6.00 Neighbours 6.30 EastEnders 7.05 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 7.40 Last Of The Summer Wine 8.20 EastEnders 9.00 The Bill 10.00 Murder, She Wrote 11.00 The Good Life 11.40 Sorry! 12.20 One Foot In The Grave 1.00 Last Of The Summer Wine 1.40 The Good Life 2.20 Keeping Up Appearances 3.00 Open All Hours 3.40 Porridge **4.20** My Family **5.00** Keeping Up Appearances **5.40** Open All Hours **6.20** Porridge **7.00** New Tricks **9.00** Blackadder Goes Forth **10.20** EuroMillions: Boom Bang A Bang **10.25** Film: The 6th Day (2000) Sci-fi thriller. **12.50** Blackadder Goes Forth **1.30** Prison Break 3.10 TV Now And Then 4.40 Jim'il Fix It Strikes Again 5.05 Close Up 5.15 Neighbours 5.35 Neighbours

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Match Of The Day – Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's games

6.00 Breakfast 4710934 **10.00** Saturday Kitchen 43885 **11.30** Rachel's Favourite Food For Living 9682 12.00 BBC News; Weather 5998934 12.10 Football Focus 1395392 1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine is joined by John Parrott to introduce coverage of the opening first-round matches on day one at the Telford International Centre, which hosts the event for the first time. Steve Davis and reigning champion Peter Ebdon. 1549717 **4.30** Final Score. Round-up of results. Digital viewers can access extended coverage on the interactive service. 2020175 5.25 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 1694021 5.45 Strictly Come Dancing. The contestants vie for a place in the semi-final. The result can be seen tomorrow at 6.15pm. 8483330

Robin Hood. The Sheriff goes missing, jeopardising Nottingham's safety. PM

The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. 7.55 The challenge of general knowledge as new contestants prepare to take on last week's winning team. Including the National Lottery draws. 596243

Casualty. Toby writes a letter of resignation, but later grows in 8.45 confidence when he treats a man with a severely injured foot and wonders whether he has acted rashly. The team tend an obese patient whose weight causes problems. 437430

> The Omid Djalili Show. Multi-awardwinning comedian Omid Djalili talks about a variety of topics, including the culture of fame and how using different accents can help in life. Sketches feature 1970s American-Iranian detective, Donny Chicago.

BBC News; Weather; National Lottery 10.05 Update 307595 10.25 Match Of The Day. Gary Lineker League clashes, which include

presents highlights of today's Premier champions Manchester United against strugglers Derby County at Old Trafford. 7375595

Film: Platoon (1986). Acclaimed Vietnam War drama, starring Charlie Sheen as a raw recruit thrown into the thick of battle along the Cambodian border, where he finds himself caught up in a lethal feud between two sergeants. Oliver Stone's multi-Oscarwinner, the first of his Vietnam trilogy, co-stars Willem Dafoe and Tom Berenger as the warring veterans. 921953

Friday Night With Jonathan Ross. With Jerry Seinfeld and Renee Zellweger; (R) Weatherview 8303335 BBC News 24 90335625 2.35

BBC 2



The Culture Show – Lauren Hoffman

6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 9511755 6.20 Teletubbies (R) 5911791 **6.45** Step Inside (R) 7156311 **7.00** CBBC: Dogstar (R) 1227381 **7.25** Dennis The Menace (R) 9161205 7.45 Watch My Chops (R) 4644798 **8.00** Hider In The House (R) 21175 **9.00** TMi; Diddy Dick & Dom (R) 72311 **10.30** Stupid (R) 1573576 **10.55** The Story Of Tracy Beaker (R) 1581595 11.25 What's New Scooby-Doo? (R) 3365137 **11.45** Sportsround 8418446 **12.00** The Sky At Night (R) 7870682 **12.20** Film: The Prince Of Egypt (1998). Musical drama. 1818972 **1.50** Film 2007 With Jonathan Ross (R) 46734885 2.20 Live Seniors Tennis. 93024779 **4.30** BBC Switch: Falcon Beach 2520953 **5.15** BBC Switch: Sound 675595 **5.45** Heroes Unmasked (R) 724311 **5.55** What The Papers Say 844886 **6.05** Snooker 517866

The Culture Show. With Dustin Hoffman, KT Tunstall and Ang Lee. 178311 7.05 Coast. Neil Oliver reveals why Americans once attacked the port of Whitehaven, Miranda Krestovnikoff searches for sharks and Mark Horton gets a glimpse of nuclear submarines under construction. (R) 931779

Have I Got A Bit More News For You.

Special extended version, with host Jack Dee. 767330 The Company. A Russian diplomat who claims he wants to defect to the West provides the CIA with information about the possible KGB mole working within the agency. Last in series. 594999

The Tudors. New chancellor Sir Thomas More starts cracking down on religious extremists, but Anne Boleyn convinces the King he should at least consider Martin Luther's writings. Meanwhile, Cardinal Wolsey and Queen Catherine form an uneasy alliance to try to protect their positions. (R) 526311 Snooker: UK Championship 7800118 12.10 Snooker Extra 6215847 1.00 The Culture Show (R) 3240183 Film: At The Height Of Summer (2000). 3.10 Premiere. Drama, starring Tran Nu YenITV₁



Big Fight Live – Amir Khan defends his Commonwealth lightweight title

6.00 GMTV 4096750 9.25 CITV: Horrid Henry 7886663 **9.40** Emu 4085137 **9.55** Supernormal 4008088 10.10 My Parents Are Aliens 5182663 10.40 Bernard 9678446 10.55 Skyland 1578021 **11.25** Skyland 3495243 **11.55** ITV News And Weather 4925156 **12.05** London Today; Weather 3825137 **12.10** Saturday Cooks! 1815885 **1.40** Film: Casper Meets Wendy (1998). Fantasy, starring Hilary Duff. 26228972 3.20 Film: The Man With The Golden Gun (1974). Adventure, starring Roger Moore. Continues after the news. 2239021 **4.40** London Today; Weather 7897156 **4.55** ITV News And Weather 8999224 **5.10** Film: The Man With The Golden Gun (1974). Concluded. 6776750 **6.10** Best Ever Worst Auditions 3. Embarrassingly bad talent show try-outs. 503663

The X Factor. The remaining contestants take the stage to compete 7.10 for a place in next week's grand final, singing two songs by classic British artists. The results show is at 9.25pm.

All Star Family Fortunes. The Bill star Ben Richards and Entertainment Today presenter Jenni Falconer's families battle it out against each other as Vernon Kay hosts the celebrity game show. The stars hope to win a prize of up to £30,000 to donate to the charity of their choice. 343408

The X Factor - The Results. Another act leaves the contest. 121717

Big Fight Live. Amir Khan v Graham Earl. Jim Rosenthal is joined by Barry McGuigan to introduce coverage of tonight's Commonwealth lightweight title bout at the Bolton Arena. 3325137

ITV News And Weather; Weather

All New TV's Naughtiest Blunders 11.25 Another batch of uncensored slip-ups and celebrity bloopers from the small screen, narrated by Neil Morrissey. Featuring comedian Paul O'Grady and presenters Chris Tarrant, Des O'Connor and Melanie Sykes. 323311

Make Your Play 51738422 The Jules And Lulu Show (R) 71217441 4.30 The Jules And Lulu Show (R) 54557 ITV Nightscreen 12083 ITV Morning News 63575

CHANNEL 4



This Is Civilisation - Matthew Collins explores art and culture

6.00 Cubeez (R) 7923750 6.10 The Hoobs (R) 7816327 **6.35** The Hoobs (R) 3885779 **7.00** Goalissimo (R) 15514 **8.00** The Morning Line 9044972 **8.50** T4: One Tree Hill 8878999 **9.50** T4: Friends (R) 9947408 **10.20** T4: Friends (R) 1281750 **10.55** T4: MobileAct Unsigned (R) 1200885 **11.55** T4: Transmission (R) 9039069 12.30 T4: Friends (R) 27934 1.00 T4: Charmed (R) 55717 **2.00** Channel 4 Racing From Sandown Park And Wetherby. Alastair Down and Lesley Graham introduce live coverage of this afternoon's six feature races, including 2.35 paddypower.com Tingle Creek Chase (2m). 93048359 **4.05** Location, Location, Location (R) 5141175 **4.40** Time Team. Historical artefacts. (R) 2092392 **5.40** Codex. 259205 **6.25** Channel 4 News 979717

Deal Or No Deal. Noel Edmonds hosts 7.10 the game show in which contestants try to guess the values of mystery boxes holding as much as £250,000. 160392

This Is Civilisation. The programme in the series explores the impact of the industrial revolution on art, nature and society, focusing on the ideas of British art critic John Ruskin. Matthew Collings follows in Ruskin's footsteps, visiting locations including Venice, the Alps and the Lake District, 5359

The 100 Greatest Stand Ups. 9.00 Countdown of the British public's 100 favourite men and women of comedy to have ever graced the stage. Old favourites such as Richard Pryor and Lenny Bruce stand alongside more recent funnymen Chris Rock and Ed Byrne. (R) 62936427

Film: The Perfect Score (2004).

Premiere. A gang of high school students become so worried about a forthcoming exam they decide to take drastic action – and devise a foolproof plan to steal the answers. Derivative comedy, starring Scarlett Johansson, Erika Christensen, 810441

2.40 4Music: Dubplate Drama (R) 9772719 3.05 **Abductees (R) 82767083** King Of The Hill 56853422

3.15 3.40 Full Metal Challenge (R) 5208267 Headland (R) 6593489 4.40 Countdown (R) 4452460

FIVE



Law & Order: Special Victims Unit -Mariska Hargitay stars in the drama

6.00 Sunrise 8540576 7.00 Milkshake! Hi-5 (R) 4469137 **7.35** Hana's Helpline (R) 2078576 **7.50** The Beeps 5371953 **8.10** Harry And His Bucket Full Of Dinosaurs 3591088 8.25 The Book Of Pooh (R) 8305972 **8.55** Roobarb And Custard Too (R) 2847682 **9.05** Funky Valley 5680243 **9.15** The Adventures Of Bottle Top Bill And His Best Friend Corky (R) 5677779 **9.30** Franklin (R) 4658953 **10.00** The Gadget Show (R) 5047175 **11.00** Football Italiano Highlights 3729021 **11.30** Super Snakes (R) 3202021 **12.30** Film: Perry Mason: The Case Of The Sinister Spirit (1987). Mystery. 1314205 **2.30** Film: Every Time We Say Goodbye (1986). Drama. 89777137 **4.20** Film: Cats & Dogs (2001). Crazy comedy. 65090069 **5.55** Film: Submarine X-1 (1967). Wartime adventure, starring James Caan. 48774040

Five News And Sport 4865576 NCIS. The mummified remains of a woman are found in a disused compound. Forensics are able to establish that the victim had been missing for several months and was wearing a wedding dress when she died. (R) 7227137

NCIS. A Marine helicopter is discovered abandoned in a crop circle, and witness reports of strange lights in the night sky don't help matters. Gibbs orders the case to be kept under wraps for fear of attracting too much attention from UFO enthusiasts, before uncovering a dark secret. (R) 8257069

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The 9.35 body of a former boxing star is found floating in the swimming pool of a brothel. However, with so many possible causes of death - punctures to the neck, a blow to the head and possible poisoning – it proves almost impossible to pinpoint a suspect. (R) 4668205

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. An assistant district attorney is found strangled in his car in an area of the Bronx notorious for prostitution. Benson is shocked to realise she briefly dated the victim and refuses to believe he would have paid for sex. As investigations get underway. 6274663

Criminal Minds. The mutilated bodies of a number of students are found in an unoccupied house in New Mexico. The Behavioural Analysis Unit suspect the involvement of a cult with knowledge of Native American rituals – a hypothesis seemingly confirmed when they discover the murder scene was atop an old Apache burial ground. Drama, with Matthew Gray Gubler.(R) 4342175

Quiz Call 82008441 Wildlife SOS (R) 47593444 Wildlife SOS (R) 17317002

SATELLITE AND FREEVIEW

SKY ONE 6.00 Pop Years 7.00 America's Dumbest Criminals 7.30 The Book Show 8.00 Mission Implausible 9.00 Soccer AM 12.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 1.00 Vroom Vroom 2.00 America's Dumbest Criminals 2.30 Futurama 3.00 Futurama 3.30 Futurama 4.00 3.00 Futurama 3.30 Futurama 4.00
Futurama 4.30 Cirque De Celebrite 6.00 A
Town Called Eureka 7.00 Stargate Atlantis
8.00 Hatton V Mayweather 24/7 9.00 Ross
Kemp On Gangs 10.00 Road Wars 11.00 Nothing But The Truth 12.00 Road Wars 1.00 Bones 2.00 Street Wars 3.00 America's Dumbest Criminals 3.30 Nip/Tuck 4.20 Nip/Tuck 5.10 Guilty!

7.00 The Real Hustle 7.30 The Real Hustle **8.00** Mind, Body & Kick Ass Moves **8.30** Top Gear **9.30** Little Britain **10.00** Film: The Mothman Prophecies (2002), Fact-based supernatural thriller. 11.55 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 12.25 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps

12.50 Comedy Shuffle 1.20 Tittybangbang 1.50 The Beal Hustle 2.20 The Beal Hustle 2.50 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 3.20 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 3.45 Mind, Body & Kick Ass Moves 4.15 Close

7.00 A Perfect Spy 8.00 A Perfect Spy 9.00 Lead Balloon 9.30 More Dawn French's Lead Balloon 9.30 More Dawn Frenchs Boys Who Do Comedy 10.00 Brasil, Brasil 11.00 City Of Men 11.30 Film: Man Of The Year (2003) Drama. 1.10 Brasil, Brasil 2.10 Brasil, Brasil 3.10 Brasil, Brasil 4.10 Close

9.25 Emmerdale 12.10 Coronation Street 2.35 Holiday Showdown 3.40 Holiday Airport: Palma 4.45 All Star Family For 5.30 The Planet's Funniest Animals 6.00 Movies Now 6.10 The New Adventures Of Superman 7.10 Behind The Scenes 7.40 Australian Princess 8.40 The Xtra Factor 9.25 Supermodels: Gone Bad 9.55 The Xtra Factor Results 10.40 Film: Back To The Future Part II (1989). Riotous sci-fi comedy sequel. Including Entertainment News Update. **12.40** The X Factor **2.10** The X Factor – The Results 2.40 The Xtra Factor Results 3.20 Movies Now 3.35 Emmerdale

6.00 Ulysses S Grant 7.05 Film File 7.15 The Magnificent Seven 8.05 Missing Persons 9.05 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods 10.05 The Magnificent Seven 11.00 Our New Life In Everwood 11.55 Our New Life In Everwood



Hatton v Mayweather 24/7, Sky One, 8.00pm

12.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot 1.55 Film: Frankie And Johnny (1991). Light-hearted romantic drama. Including Entertainment News Update. **3.30** Pie In The Sky **4.35** The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes **5.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **6.45** The Two Ronnies **7.45** Bramwell **9.55** Cleopatra **11.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **12.55** McCloud **2.15** The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous 3.10
The Vice 4.30 Teleshopping

12.30 Police Camera Action!

1.00 The Contender 2.00 The Professionals 3.00 Police, Camera, Action! 3.30 Urban Freestyler 3.40 The Taurus World Stunt Awards 5.10 When Stunts Go Bad 6.10 Police Stop! 7.10 Police, Camera, Action! 7.40 Big Fight Live. 9.55 The Sweeney 10.55 Police Patrol 11.10 Best Ever Big Fight Live 12.10 International Fight League 1.10 When Stunts Go Bad 2.10 Dinner For Five **2.40** Dinner For Five **3.10** Saturday Night Live **4.00** Teleshopping

6.00 Anything Goes 8.00 Our Showbiz Mates 9.00 Nothing But Sugababes 10.00 Sugababes – Sweet Talk 11.00 Sugababes Set List 12.00 The Simple Life 12.35 Beauty & The Geek 1.30 Age Of Love 2.30 Hollyoaks 5.00 Friends 5.35 Friends 6.05 The Class 6.35 Scrubs 7.00 Smallville 7.55 Friends 8.30 Friends 9.00 Film: Independence Day (1996). Blockbusting sci-fi adventure **11.40** Derren Brown: Something Wicked This Way Comes 1.15 Transmission
2.20 Playing It Straight USA 3.10 Playing It
Straight USA 3.55 Playing It Straight USA
4.35 Switched 5.00 Switched 5.20 Switched 5.45 Close

9.00 Junkyard Wars 10.00 Time Team

11.00 Time Team 12.00 Time Team 1.00 Time Team **2.00** The First Emperor **4.10** 3 Minute Wonder: Heavy Petting **4.25** Grand Designs 5.30 Grand Designs 6.40 Grand Designs **7.50** Grand Designs **8.55** Snowmail **9.00** The West Wing **10.00** Film: Little Red Flowers (2006) Drama, starring Dong Bowen. 11.45 The Closer 12.45 Grand Designs 1.50 Deal Or No Deal 2.30 Close UKTV GOLD

6.00 Close Up 6.10 Dallas 7.10 2point4 Children 7.50 Yes, Prime Minister 8.30 Yes, Prime Minister 9.10 Keeping Up Appearances 9.50 Last Of The Summer Wine 10.30 My Hero 11.10 Doctor Who 12.10 Doctor Who 1.10 My Family 1.50 My Family 2.30 Keeping Up Appearances 3.10 Last Of The Summer Wine 3.50 My Hero 4.30 Dinnerladies 5.10 My Family 5.50 My Family **6.30** Morecambe And Wise – The Greatest Moment **8.00** Film: 102 Dalmatians (2000) adventure. **10.00** Film: Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines (2003) sci-fi adventure sequel. **12.10** The Catherine Tate Christmas Show 1.00 Doctor Who 1.55 Doctor Who 2.40 TV Now And Then 3.10 TV Now And Then **3.45** Starstruck Classics **3.50** TV Now And Then **4.20** Close Up **4.30** Charlie's Angels 5.15 Close Up 5.30 2point4

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Sports Personality Of The Year 2007

– The coveted awards ceremony

6.00 Breakfast 88156354 7.45 Match Of The Day 2209002 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show 94064 10.00 Christmas Voices 10985 11.00 Countryfile. A floodlit feeding of overwintering birds. Including weather for the week ahead. 25199 12.00 The Politics Show 81354 1.00 'Allo 'Allo! (R) 66585880 1.25 EastEnders 54607052 3.15 Points Of View 8998118 3.30 Robin Hood. The Sheriff goes missing, jeopardising Nottingham's safety. (R) 5995118 4.15 Songs Of Praise. The origins of Christmas traditions. 5181793 4.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 7860538 5.15 Cranford. The town is hit by a crime wave. (R) 496002 6.15 Strictly Come Dancing. Cliff Richard performs his latest single When I Need You. 738828

7.00 Sports Personality Of The Year 2007.
Sue Barker and Gary Lineker present a review of the year's sporting highlights at the NEC in Birmingham, as memorable performances and outstanding achievements are celebrated. Subsequent programmes are subject to change. 60480

9.00 Cranford. Miss Matty confides in Mary about Mr Holbrook, prompting her to inform Major Gordon of Jessie's regret over not marrying him. Dr Harrison informs Rev Hutton of his intentions

court her, blissfully unaware that his generosity towards Mrs Rose. 2422

Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy. New series. The comedienne interviews popular funnymen about

towards Sophy and asks permission to

the nature of comedy. 906557

10.50

Film: The Alamo (2004). Premiere.
Historical Western adventure, starring
Dennis Quaid; Weatherview 65478606

Sign Zone: Watchdog. Investigation show, exposing rogue traders and fighting for consumers' rights. (R) 16519 Sign Zone: Holby City. Mark makes a near-fatal mistake at work, but continues to deny he has a drug problem – until Chrissie finds a stash of cocaine in his desk. Shaun Williamson guest stars. (R) 62126

2.30 Sign Zone: The Nature Of Britain
(R) 5235774
3.20 Sign Zone: Heir Hunters (P) 64234

3.20 Sign Zone: Heir Hunters (R) 6423497 4.05 Sign Zone: Heir Hunters (R) 8532890 4.50 BBC News 24 8257749 BBC 2



Top Gear – Jeremy and the team enter a 24-hour endurance race

6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 3816967 6.20
Teletubbies (R) 9216903 6.45 Step Inside (R) 7123083 7.00 CBBC: Jakers! (R) 9142170 7.20
Pinky And The Brain (R) 1122737 7.45 Even Stevens (R) 7453977 8.05 The Basil Brush Show (R) 9113646 8.30 SMart 46151 9.30 Hedz 99373 10.00 Something For The Weekend 40354 11.30 Rugby Union 71083 12.30 Athletics 1465606 1.35 Live Seniors Tennis 4711996 3.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine is joined by John Parrott to introduce coverage of this afternoon's first-round matches on day two of the championship at the Telford International Centre. 809625 6.00 Earth: The Power Of The Planet. How ice changed the course of human evolution. (R)

7.00 The Nature Of Britain. Alan Titchmarsh concludes his trip around the UK by explaining why, even though farming and industry have destroyed many natural habitats, rare species of plants and animals continue to thrive in the most unexpected places. (R) 4880

8.00 Coast. Mark Horton discovers how Swansea's monopoly of the copper trade in the 18th and 19th centuries was instrumental in allowing Nelson to achieve victory at Trafalgar, while Miranda Krestovnikoff investigates the dolphins that use the Welsh coast as a place to raise their young. (R) 4688

Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May enter a 24-hour endurance race at Silverstone, which proves to be one of their toughest challenges to date. Plus, James tests the Fiat 500 around Budapest and the Ferrari 430 Scuderia is placed in the capable hands of The Stig. 4444

10.00 Match Of The Day 2. Gabby Logan reviews the day's Premier League action, including Middlesbrough v Arsenal at the Riverside and Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City at White Hart Lane. The Gunners have failed to win on their last two visits to Teeside. 3151

11.00 Graham Norton Uncut. Extended edition of the irreverent talk show, featuring Marilyn Manson, Nigella Lawson and music by R'n'B superstar Rihanna. Plus, comedy monologues, eccentric characters, and previously unseen material. 998441

unseen material. 998441 **Heroes.** Hiro receives information regarding his family as he prepares to face Sylar. (R) 865719

12.30 Heroes
 1.15 Snooker: UK Championship 4626584
 2.05 Snooker Extra 966872
 4.00 BBC News 24 5192836

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The Royal Variety Performance 2007

– Kate Thornton co-hosts the event

6.00 GMTV 4063422 9.25 The Championship 3584915 10.25 CITV: Art Attack (R) 9089625 10.50 Finger Tips (R) 8723731 11.10 Jim Jam & Sunny 3340828 11.25 Jim Jam & Sunny 334083 11.40 Pocoyo (R) 4997373 11.50 Planet Sketch (R) 4984809 12.05 ITV News And Weather 3892809 12.10 London Today; Weather 3817118 12.15 Film: Beethoven's 4th (2001). Premiere. Comedy, starring Judge Reinhold. 409151 2.00 The X Factor. Singing the best of British. (R) 75538 3.30 The X Factor – The Results. Another act leaves the contest. (R) 460 4.00 London Tonight; Weather 1771880 4.10 Film: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack Of The Clones (2002). Sci-fi sequel, starring Ewan McGregor. 80215557 6.40 ITV News And Weather 846880

7.00 Emmerdale. Gray locates Rosemary.

7.30 Coronation Street. Ryan runs into the pub in a state of panic when his stalker approaches him. Gail suggests Sarah and Jason move out to avoid any more aggro with David, and Steve considers employing Jim. 880

8.00 The Royal Variety Performance 2007. In the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Kate Thornton and Phillip Schofield host the 79th annual showbusiness spectacular, coming for the first time from The Empire Theatre, Liverpool.

10.30
10.45
ITV News And Weather; Weather 271354
The Making Of Viva La Diva: The South
Bank Show. Documenting the song and
dance spectacular, featuring prima
ballerina Darcey Bussell and opera
superstar Katherine Jenkins. 758354

11.45 Alpha - Did It Change Their Lives?

David Frost revisits the 10 young people who took the Alpha course in Christianity seven years ago, and asks if it changed their lives. Including abridged versions of talks given by the Rev Nicky Gumbel filmed at London's Holy Trinity Brompton – the birthplace of Alpha. 754538

12.45 Faith And Music (R) 9414671 1.35 Film: Drive Me Crazy (1999) 9420774 3.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) 3351590

4.05 ITV Nightscreen 4345478 5.30 ITV Morning News 65720 **CHANNEL 4**



Scrapheap Challenge – Lisa Rogers co-hosts the mechanical challenge

6.10 The Hoobs (R) 1111539 6.35 The Hoobs. Tula's Humpty Dumpty is too floppy. (R) 3845151 7.00 Transworld Sport 5513606 7.55 World Cup Skiing 2556880 8.55 T4: The OC. Marissa takes her friends to Palm Springs. (R) 7028052 9.55 T4: Hollyoaks 66315737 12.30 T4: MobileAct Unsigned 53286 1.30 T4: Ugly Betty (R) 54915 2.30 T4: T4's Global Warming 1568538 3.35 T4: The Simpsons (R) 7604170 4.05 T4: The Simpsons (R) 5118847 4.40 Film: T4: Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000). Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. 48915064 6.25 Scrapheap Challenge. In a tribute to British engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the two teams design and build paddle boats capable of crossing the 'Scrapheap Atlantic'. 8671462

7.30 Channel 4 News 422

8.00 Film: Miss Congeniality (2000). FBI agent Sandra Bullock is forced to go undercover at a beauty pageant to prevent a serial killer from claiming one of the glamorous contestants as his next victim. Comedy, with Benjamin

Bratt, Candice Bergen, William Shatner and Michael Caine. 9712

10.00 Film: In America (2003). Premiere. An Irish actor sneaks his wife and two daughters over the border from Canada into the US with the intention of starting a new life and putting their past behind them. However, the gritty realities of life in New York prove harder

12.00 UK Poker Tour The tour hits Blackpool. With commentary from Victoria Coren. 79590

to cope with than expected, 8354

1.00 Film: Mischief Night (2006). Premiere.
Comedy drama, starring Kelli Hollis as a single parent living on a culturally diverse housing estate in Leeds, where tensions bubble to the surface in the lead up to mischief night. With Michael Taylor and Holly Kenny. 675652

Countdown (R) 4429132

FIVE



8 Simple Rules – Bridget tricks Paul into taking her to a rock concert

6.00 Milkshake! 4625625 10.00 Hannah Montana 3963441 10.30 Hannah Montana 5096083 11.00 8 Simple Rules 3796793 11.30 Beyond The Break 3797422 12.00 Film: Columbo: Short Fuse (1972). Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 8547489 1.30 Football Italiano. 71577460 4.20 Film: The Spy Who Came In From The Cold (1966, b/w). Richard Burton stars in this excellent espionage thriller as a burnt-out British spy who fakes his resignation in an attempt to infiltrate the KGB. 88437606 6.20 Five News And Sport 4308977 6.30 Film: Sphere (1998) A team of scientists attempt to unlock the secrets contained in a mysterious alien artefact found on the seabed. Moody sci-fi thriller, starring Dustin Hoffman; Five News At 9 3549460

P.00 Film: Black Hawk Down (2001). Ridley Scott's harrowing Oscar-winning drama chronicling the true story of a disastrous military mission in Somalia. Josh Hartnett, Eric Bana and Ewan McGregor star. 71760644

40 Disorderly Conduct. Footage of intense situations such as real-life car accidents, drug raids and high-speed pursuits. (R) 9518539

 Natural Born Racers 4764126
 NFL Live. Baltimore Ravens v Indianapolis Colts (Kick-off 1.15am). Nat Coombs and Mike Carlson introduce coverage of the clash between the respective AFC South and AFC North sides at the M&T Bank Stadium. 76602942
 Kickboxing: Now Is The Time - Night Of

Combat. 4499565 5.35 Motorsport Mundial 17384774

SATELLITE AND FREEVIEW

SKY ONE

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6.00 Hour Of Power 7.00 Little Monsters
8.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old?
9.00 Brainiac's Test Tube Baby 10.00 Buffy
The Vampire Slayer 11.00 WWE:
Experience 12.00 Robot Wars Extreme 1.00
Conspiracies 2.00 Project Runway 3.00
Spice Girls: 10 Years Of Girl Power 4.00
Futurama 4.30 Cirque – Backstage At The
Big Top 5.00 The Simpsons 6.00 Are You
Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 7.00 The
Simpsons 7.30 Cirque De Celebrite 9.00
Bones 10.00 Robbie Williams At The Royal
Albert Hall 11.30 Pop Years 12.30 Street
Wars 1.30 Bones 2.25 Nip/Tuck 4.15 Buffy
The Vampire Slayer 5.10 Little Monsters

7.00 Doctor Who 8.00 The All New House Of Tiny Tearaways 9.00 Don't Tell The Bride 10.00 Tittybangbang 10.30 The Mighty Boosh 11.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 12.00 Don't Tell The Bride 12.55 Tittybangbang 1.25 Heroes Unmasked: The Story So Far 2.25 The All New House Of Tiny Tearaways 3.20 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 4.20 The Mighty Boosh 4.50 Close

BBC4
7.00 Flying Visits – Destination Mars 7.10

Space Odyssey: The Robot Pioneers 8.00 A Satellite's Tale 9.00 The Sky At Night 10.00 Love Soup 11.00 More Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy 11.30 The Late Edition 12.00 The History Of The World Backwards 12.30 More Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy 1.00 The Sky At Night 2.00 A Satellite's Tale 3.00 The Late Edition 3.30 The History Of The World Backwards 4.00 Close

P.25 The Planet's Funniest Animals 9.40
Australian Princess 10.40 Behind The
Scenes 11.10 All Star Family Fortunes 11.55
Emmerdale 2.40 Film: Back To The Future
Part II (1989) Sci-fi comedy sequel,
Including Entertainment News Update. 4.35
Coronation Street 7.00 The X Factor 9.00
Katie & Peter: Unleashed 10.00 Film: Mad
Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985) Sci-fi
adventure, Including Entertainment News
Update. 12.05 Coronation Street 12.35 Film:
In The Line Of Fire (1993) 3.00 The X
Factor 5.00 Teleshopping

6.00 Bonnie Prince Charlie 6.50 Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans? 8.10 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods 9.10 Bonnie Prince Charlie 10.10 The Two



Robbie Williams At The Royal Albert Hall, Sky One, 10.00pm

Ronnies 11.10 Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans? 12.30 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods 1.30 The Blackheath Poisonings 2.35 Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans? 4.00 Katherine Jenkins: Live At Llangollen 5.00 The Two Ronnies 6.00 The Best Of The Royal Variety 8.00 Great Garden Detectives 9.00 Film: Bonnie And Clyde (1967) Drama, with Gene Hackman. Including Entertainment News Update. 11.15 The Big Easy 12.15 The SS In Britain 1.20 McCloud 2.35 Emmerdale

5.00 Teleshopping ITV4

12.30 World Rally Championships: Craziest Moments II 1.30 Police, Camera, Action! 2.30 Minder 3.30 The Sweeney 4.35 Police Stop! 5.35 Autosport Awards 6.40 World Rally Championships: Craziest Moments II 7.40 Police Patrol 8.00 Jericho 9.00 Minder 10.00 Bouncers 10.30 Film: Street Fighter (1994). Adventure. Including Entertainment News Update. 12.30 Inked 1.00 Criss Angel: Mindfreak 1.25 Video Justice 1.55 LAPD: Life On The Beat 2.45 Dinner For Five 3.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 4.00 Teleshopping

Mates 9.00 E4 Music's Winter Warmers 12.05 Playing It Straight USA 1.05 Playing It Straight USA 1.05 Playing It Straight USA 3.05 Young, Sexy And Hollywood 4.05 Friends 5.05 Ghost Whisperer 6.05 Miss Match 7.00 Friends 8.00 Ugly Betty 9.00 Smallville 10.00 Film: The Transporter (2002). Action adventure, starring Jason Statham. 11.40 Film: Made In America (1993). Romantic comedy. 1.45 Mobile Act Unsigned 2.50 Dubplate Drama 3.15 Ghost Whisperer 3.55 Miss Match 4.40 Switched 5.50 Close

9.00 A Place In The Sun 9.30 Scrapheap Challenge 12.40 Location, Location, Location Revisited 4.00 3 Minute Wonder: Heavy Petting 4.15 Come Dine With Me 8.00 Relocation, Relocation 9.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares 10.00 Born To Be Different 11.05 Father Ted 12.15 Studio 60 On The Sunset Strip 1.00 Curb Your Enthusiasm 2.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares 3.15 Close UKTV GOLD

6.00 Dallas 7.00 Keeping Up Appearances

7.40 Keeping Up Appearances 8.20 As Time Goes By 9.00 Keeping Up Appearances 10.20 Only Fools And Horses 1.25 Morecambe And Wise – The Greatest Moment 2.55 Only Fools And Horses 6.00 Film: 102 Dalmatians (2000). Glenn Close returns as Cruella de Vil, apparently cured of her penchant for puppy-fur coats. Brilliant family adventure, with Gerard Depardieu and loan Gruffudd. 8.00 Film: Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines (2003). Arnold Schwarzenegger reprises his most famous role in this sci-fi adventure sequel, protecting the future saviour of mankind from a hi-tech terminator in female form. 10.10 Victoria Wood Live 12.10 Only Fools And Horses 1.15 Only Fools And Horses 2.10 In Justice

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A CHESHUNT company is celebrating its nomination for national recognition after tripling in size since it was set up five years ago.

XDT, which sells Xerox products, has made the move from Hoddesdon to Cheshunt to accommodate its rapid growth and is now looking for more people to add to its team on the Recruitment Open Day Saturday, December 15th 2007.

As the fastest growing Xerox dealer in the UK, XDT has been nominated by the multi-national company for its premier partner of the year award.

Derek Russell, who founded the firm with fellow MD Keith Mirams, said: "The secret of success for us is local people who have been very loyal and having fun and making it a place where people want to work.

"We've had very few people leave us. All we've done is grow and build on what we've got.'

And he is delighted with the move to Cheshunt, which took place in August. He said: "It's gone absolutely fantastically. We had a complete refit of the offices. There's been a huge investment taking the business from the level we're at now to the next level."

Derek, who hails from Stanstead Abbotts, and Keith, from Goffs Oak, have already smashed their own target of having a turnover of £5m within five

XDT looks set to end its financial year with a turnover of £10m and now its MDs are looking to increase that to £20m in the coming years.

It's a far cry from when they started from scratch in 2002 from a base at Hertfordshire Golf and Country Club in Broxbourne.

But between them Derek and Keith have more than 50 years' experience in the industry, which has helped set them on the path to success.

They have also been aided by the reputation of the Xerox brand, which has steadily become more affordable over the last few years.

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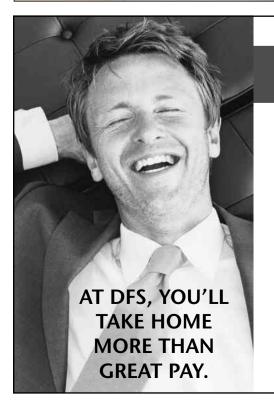
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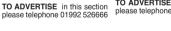
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However, you're likely to be in the mood to cut a week gives you so do be proactive. And it can be single, tempted to throw the dice of chance. It can most. However, in love tenderness needs to be someone who inspires you that can set your underscore it all. Howeve pulse racing. Just who

may be in touch. Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22
Exciting events and invitations can just seem to appear out of the ether but that makes them all the more there's the odd difference you can smooth and soothe with all the skill of a top diplomat. In a happy

they're saying Scorpio "go for it" and that means whatever age you are, and whatever status you have. Cash fortune can be linked to a group. Call to hear why a friend can be the one

with your more independent side of late

last-minute improvements can be on your mind but then equally, so can one important relationship. but that doesn't mean you should stop pushing ahead with plans to cast yourself in as charismatic light as possible. A new hairstyle, an overhaul of your wardrobe or putting a sparkling sheen on your CV are things to consider At home, try to create more space. Call to hear why career relationships

are so vital.

Capricom Dec 22-Jan 20
With a cluster of planets in your zone of secrets, extra personal insights can pop into the open, just when you least expect them. In love, a heart to heart can also bring issues to the surface but then you can start to sort them out. A chance invite by one pal may require a quick decision. If you've been

feeling less outgoing you may be unsure. Call for more on Uranus's switchback vibe.

Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19 Your business acumen can flourish but it will be either by working closely with one person, or in a team that you'll thrive best. On a personal level, you can gain through a relative's generosity and this can be linked to property or a legacy. Few times will offer the chance for you to be as authentically you as now, so seize it with

both hands. Call to hear

emotional considerations can be on your mind. Don't be hamstrung by what you

to you, but ambitions vary and if yours are not for more on a racy but fun

networks will vary. Please obtain the permission of the bill payer before calling.

to guide you through the week ahead

Aries Mar 21-Apr 20 With Venus having

swathe and if you're

can be a total surprise, but yet thrill. Call to hear

surprises abound.

Taurus Apr 21-May 21

This can be a happy week for all sorts of relationships,

tie, this extra harmony can see you glow with contentment. If things have been mundane, it's

time you spoke out and

came up with the fresh

new ways to enliven things. Call for your love

Gemini May 22-Jun 21

If you're house-

proud and set to play host over the coming

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personal or professional nature, but expect

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and doing a turn on the karaoke. You may

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Leo Jul 24-Aug 23

weeks can trigger your love of the good thing and you can be well and truly in the seasonal spirit of things. But then as your coffers fill up on

the back of a fortunate

financial influence, the

temptation to blow it on generous gifts and tasty treats can be all the

greater. Any dietary discipline can plummet,

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Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23

because even where

glamorous or chatty someone seems, be sure they're sincere. Call to

hear why an old flame

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Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

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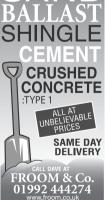
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Harlow & District League, prem div: Rouge Lyon 0, GPCA 4; Maypole Ath 1, Parndon Royals

Div One Cup, quarter-finals: Old Townmead 3, Harberts 4 (aet); Pollards 4, New Town Rangers 1 (aet); GPCA res 8, Altham Grove 2; Lindsey Street 4, Unique 3. **Div one:** Risden Wd res 3,

Maypole Ath res 3. Div Two Cup, quarter-finals: Barnes Ath 1, FC Parkside 7;

Pools 9, Marquis Sports 1; Rhyno 1, Athletic UG 2; Galaxy 0, Rouge Lyon res 3.

Div Three Cup, quarter-finals: Risden Wd A 5, Maypole Sports 1; Brookside 10, UG 1; Maiden 6, Latton Orient 3; Matching 2, St Germaine 3

Div Four Cup, quarter-finals:
Dynamo 0, FC Clark 1;
Sewardstone 4, Cottingham 3;
Ashfield Al 0, FC Flare 7; Abbey

Albion 3, Harberts OB 1.

Division Five Cup, quarter-finals: Eppaldo 3, Epping Ath 0; Altham Grove res 9, Matching res 2; Harberts A 6, Rouge Lyon res 0; Brookside res 8, Stewards Sp

<u>Fixtures</u>

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

Football Ryman League, prem div: Harlow Tn v Margate.

Essex Senior Football League Cup knockout quarter-final first leg: Sawbridgeworth Tn v

Barking.
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League, snr div one: Faces v Roydon, Potter Street v

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v North Weald.

Div One Cup 1st rnd: Dunmow Rhodes v Sheering res, Heath Rovers v Langley Rangers.

Prem div: Alemite Ath v Quendon

Ath, Birchanger v Potter Street res, Hatfield Heath v Pelly House, Loughton_v Sheering, White

Roding v Debden res. **Div one:** Avondale Rangers v Frontiers, Lower Street v Thorley Park, North Weald res v Hatfield Heath res, Potter Street A v Albury, Thaxted Rangers res v Salvation Army.

Hockey
NE14 East Men's Hockey div
four south east: Colchester II v

Essex Women's League, prem div: Harlow v Wapping II.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9

Football

Harlow & District Football League, prem div: Rouge Lyon v Maypole Ath, Gt Parndon CA v

Parndon Royals.

Div one: Harberts v Maypole Athres, Risden Wd res v Gt Parndon CA res, New Tn Rangers v

Div two: Galaxy v Eastwick Lions, Barnes Ath v Rouge Lyon res, Atletico UG v FC Parkside, A

and A v Marquis Sports res. **Div three:** Risden Wd A v Harberts res, Latton Orient v Talento, Brookside Ath v St

Div four: Sewardstone Rovers v Dynamo, Harberts A v Cottingham, Abbey Albion v FC l angley Lege **Div five:** Rouge Lyon v Eppaldo, Epping Ath v Brookside Ath res, Archers Dart v Stewards Spartans.

Harlow & District League Cup, 2nd rnd: Pollard v Lindsey Street, Altham Grove v Maypole Sports, Old Town Ath v Marquis Sports. Essex Sunday Junior Trophy, **3rd rnd:** Baddow Spartak v Altham Grove Res, FC Flare v Sevens, Maiden v Redstones, Broadley Common v Writtle. Essex Sunday Junior Cup, 3rd rnd: Old Upminster Havering v Pools Ath, Larsen v Old Townmead FC.



SUCCESS: Medalist Amber O'Neil, *left*, with Kareda Gymnastics Club head coach Dawn Jackson and club-mate Keira Gibson

Essex starlet Amber lights up contest

A YOUNGSTER from a Harlow-based gymnastics club won a silver medal while representing Essex at regional recreational apparatus finals.

Amber O'Neil, who is a member of Kareda Gymnastics Club, gained a silver medal on the vault and was fourth in the floor discipline. She was also eighth in the asymmetric bars exercise. It was the youngster's first ever regional competition. She was up against 60 other gymnasts in the 11- to 12-years age group in the tournament at Ipswich. Teams from Norfolk, Suffolk, Beds and Cambs also competed.

She had qualified by finishing in the top six at a county qualifier held at the Colchester Gymnastics Centre.

She was joined there by Kareda club colleagues Olivia Myers, Holly Reading, Alisha McArdle and Kiera Gibson. Holly (9), Olivia (9), Alisha (9) and Keira (12), who were all making their county debuts, also performed well but did not qualify for the regional

tournament. Dawn Jackson, the club's head coach, said: "It's excellent for Amber. We are especially proud that one of our gymnasts has come so far."

GPCA lead the way

GPCA Servopoint's 8-0 trouncing of Swift Arrows kept them clear of second-placed White Admiral in the Harlow &

District Darts League.
Admiral halted Moot House Arrows' recent run by beating them 6-2.

Colt Hatch lost ground on the top two, losing 6-2 at The Young Pretenders.

Meanwhile, Swift Half's moved up to fourth with a 7-1 win over UG Social.

CC Foxes fought out a 4-4 draw with Moot House

180s came from Mick Wells (Moot House Arrows), Bill Woods and Ron Yates (Swift Halfs), Roy Leftwich (GPCA Servopoint) and Ian (Swift Townshend Arrows)

Ton plus finishes were scored by Dave Devoil (110, Young Pretenders) and Kieran Leal (100, Young Pretenders).
Team knockout quarter-final

draw (to be played on Friday January 4): Young Pretenders v Moot House Arrows, Swift Half's v White Admiral, Colt Hatch v GPCA Servopoint, CC Whites v CC

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Bull-dozing Hawks ready for cup tie

SHAB Niaz's Harlow Harlow Hawks 111, Hawks side head into this Bedford Bulls 47 Saturday's crucial National Founders Cup game against Lithuanians in to the halfway point of the quarter good form.

Hawks, who hammered Bedford Bulls at home in the East Region League five days ago, must win if they want to have any chance of qualifying for the last eight.

Lee Collier and Zaf Niaz were called up by Hawks to face Bedford due to four players being unavail-

Harlow took control from the start and led 9-2 at the midway point of the first quarter. Paul Jessop and Dan Scott were the main scorers before Bulls put a couple of scores on the board.

A three-pointer from Shab Niaz followed by inside scores from Scott, Jessop and Mark Haddow were mainly responsible for a 13-5 run for the hosts, which put them 22-11 in front at the end of the first

Bulls managed to keep the Hawks' lead down to 11 points up

(East Region League)

as Hawks rotated their bench.

However, the match swung Hawks' way as they enjoyed a 16-6 run, with Shab Niaz and Paul Jessop notching three-pointers as the hosts increased their lead to 46-26 at half-time.

Harlow kept the Bulls scoreless for the first five minutes of the third quarter.

They were clinical at the other end, putting a 14-0 run together. The Hawks' inside duo of Haddow and Scott exchanged passes for a number of easy scores with the latter being the main beneficiary.

The hosts were 80-41 ahead going into the last quarter which ney began with a 12-0 run on the back of some outside shooting and great passing on the fast break.

The Hawks defence was tight throughout the quarter as they restricted the Bulls to only six points while scoring 31 themselves. HARLOW HAWKS: Scott (38 pts), S. Niaz (30), Jessop (29), Z. Niaz (5), Haddow (4), Ramadan (3), Overland (2), Collier.

Euro bronze for Sally

TALENTED Great Britain judo player Sally Conway, right, secured a gold and a bronze medal in championships at home and on the Continent.

North Weald-based Sally, whose father Mark runs The **Edge Martial Arts** Studio in Harlow, returned from Salzburg, Austria, with a bronze in the **European Under-23** Championships. She was competing in the U-70kg section. On Sunday she took part in the British Closed

Championships, sealing gold in the U-70kg category at Sheffield.

Since experiencing her first Senior



World Championships, held in Brazil earlier this year, Sally has really grown into an accomplished player and now its full steam ahead as she prepares to qualify for the Olympic Games in Beijing, China, in 2008. Her training has stepped up to include extra conditioning

sessions, and some cross training with input from an Olympic wrestling coach teaching some grappling techniques. She has also had motivational

sessions with Sir Clive Woodward, who managed England to Rugby World Cup glory in 2003, plus Dave Alred (Jonny Wilkinson's kicking coach).

In Austria Sally defeated French, Ukrainian and Swiss opponents. She lost to a German rival, but beat a Spanish player in the bronze play-off.

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Disappointing start for cross country runners

ond race of the four-club Cross ing in the top 20. Country League this Sunday.

race at Ware four days ago in both ahead of Cathy Brown (35th). the men's and women's categories. Ware Joggers won last Sunday's event after winning both the men's

and women's sections. Rick Ricketts was the first Harlow finisher in the five-mile

HARLOW Running Club will hope to do better when it hosts the section do better when it has a secti

There were two Harlow women The club came last in the first runners. Vicky Steadman was 17th,

Other Harlow placings were: John Evans (21st); Jamie Luck (34th); Grahame Thomas (35th); Graham Pugh (40th); Matt Jones (41st); David Ayling (47th); Jon Steadman (52nd); Martin

(62nd); Sean Flynn (68th); Graham Saville (69th); Terry Heapy (70th); Ron Luck (80th); Mark Jex (81st).

In a 5km race at Stevenage, Harlow's John Tennant finished in 18 mins, 28 secs.

 SIX young Harlow Athletic Club members competed in an Essex Cross Country League meeting at Chelmsford on Saturday.

Marleen Avontuur clocked 13

mins, 58 secs and came 20th in the U-13 girls race (2,900m).

She was followed home by club colleagues Isabel Moss (11.56, 37th) and Lucinda Crowhurst (17.22, 39th).

In the U-13 boys 3,100m race, Harry Synowski (15.35) and Stewart Somerville (16.43) were 28th and 37th respectively, while Julian Tamplin finished 12th in the U-15 boys 4,500m race in 15.42.

Injury doubts for Robins ahead of cup quarter-final

Sawbridgeworth Tn 1, Bowers & Pitsea Utd 3

(Essex Senior Football League)

RICHARD Branchflower is sweating on the fitness of three players for this Saturday's Essex Senior League Cup quarter-final first leg tie against

Barking.
Sawbridgeworth's boss is already without defender and skipper Richard Longley, plus striker Greg Hughes, who are both suspended.

Forward Kevin Moore is almost certain to have recovered from a hamstring injury which forced him off early during Saturday's defeat.

But there are doubts about keeper Andros Demosthenous (knee injury), as well as midfielders Matt Hayter and Paul Baker (both have thigh injuries).

Branchflower said "Andros gives us confidence, while Matt would run through a brick wall for me. Paul is cre-

"The main thing is that I do not want to be behind at the end of the first leg."

Sawbridgeworth started brightly against Bowers but wasted chances with Jim Wyatt firing over twice while Moore shot too high. At the other end, Scott Pethers fired wide.

Bowers went ahead on 13 minutes when Chris Lewis converted Pethers'

Moore shot against the woodwork on 20 minutes, before the hosts equalised on 40 minutes. A lack of communica-tion between Bowers' keeper Rob Small and his skipper Dean Allen pre-ceded Ashley Conlan nipping in between them to score.

Bowers regained the lead on 58 minutes. A Jamie Gray header from a corner was adjudged to have crossed the line by the assistant referee before Adam Sontag cleared.

The visitors went further ahead after 70 minutes when home keeper Michael Burrell spilled Jamie Clark's fierce shot and Lewis tapped in for his second goal.

A Ross Tobolowski shot scraped a post but Sawbridgeworth could not halt their run of six games without a win.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TN: Burrell, Bulled, Day, Branchflower, Crook, Ellice, Sontag, Tobolowski, Conlan, Moore (Simmons 71) Wyatt (Hudson 71).

Victory keeps leaders clear

ALEMITE Athletic remain three points clear in the premier division of the Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League after a 2-1 win at home to Old Street.

Simon Hewitt and Sean Warren struck for the hosts.

North Weald stay second. Goals from Matthew Clark (2) and Jim Brown gave them a 3-0 victory over Hatfield Heath.

Rob Crouchman netted for White Roding in their 2-1 loss at home to third-placed Pelly House.

Miller (2) was on target in Birchanger's 2-0 defeat of visiting

Debden reserves. Division one leaders Salvation Army

(Harlow) remain a cut above the rest. After hitting nine goals last week they hit 11 goals this time around in an

11-1 triumph against Lower Street. Finding the net were Nathan Blake

(3), James Gliddon (3), Ben Ford (2), Dave Wilkinson, Terry Martin and Ron Jackson.

Sheering reserves moved into second after a 4-1 victory against Thaxted Rangers reserves. On the scoresheet were Dave Hardy, Matt Wright and Aaron Clark (2).

Other results:- prem div - Potter Street res 1,

Sheering 1.

Div one — Avondale Rangers 3, Potter Street
A 2; Heath Rovers 0, Albury 2; North Weald
res 1, Langley Rangers 1 (Mark Burton).
Inter-divisional Plate 1st rnd — Hatfield Heath res 2, Loughton 4.

10 men hold on to thwart Hawks

Maidstone Utd 1, Harlow Tn 1 (Ryman League, premier division)

THE Hawks were forced to settle for a point at Maidstone United from a game which left a sour taste in the mouth.

The Kent side had Andy Martin sent off after 72 minutes of Saturday's match for a shocking tackle on Harlow Town wing-back Mark Taylor.

Earlier in the second half Taylor appeared to be kicked by Maidstone's Mo Takalobighashi, after the pair had challenged for the ball and was only cautioned.

Hawks player-boss Ryan Kirby said: "I know the ref sent a man off but he did not offer us protection.

"Their player [Mo Takolobighashi] should have been sent off for kicking out at Mark. He

"It was different than playing a side like Wealdstone who are strong."

Harlow came close to scoring after 13 minutes. A corner was half-cleared and came out to Danny Green, whose shot hit a post.

Minutes later Clark Akers came to Harlow's rescue when he made a last-ditch



tackle on United striker Nick Hegley. Good defending from Taylor also thwarted Maidstone minutes before the break.

Maidstone went ahead on the stroke of half-time. Hegley cut in from the left and rode the challenges of two defenders before slotting neatly past the committed Hawks keeper James Hasell and into the bottom corner.

After Takalobighashi's reprieve for his illdisciplined reaction against Taylor, the visitors equalised on 63 minutes.

Raphael Sylvester teed up Leon Lalite,

left, who angled a fierce shot past Maidstone keeper Pat Mullin into the roof of the net.

Ray Freeman's 25-yard effort was stopped low by Hasell, before the Kent side were reduced to 10 men.

Both keepers were kept busy as the sides

Hasell heroically tipped round Hegley's shot on 77 minutes, before Chris Smalling's header from substitute Aaron Lacy's cross was also saved by the visitors' keeper. Then Takalobighashi struck the outside of a post after a defensive error by Lee Miles.

Harlow pushed on and would have won it

were it not for two top saves from Mullin.

Substitutes Kenny Davis and Dean Williams combined, with the midfielder running onto Williams' lay-off. However, Mullin tipped Davis's shot round a post.

Hasell then denied Smalling on 88 minutes, before Taylor's low shot came back off Mullin at the opposite end, with Lalite firing over from the rebound.

Kirby added: "It was good to get a point and their keeper made two excellent saves at the end."

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Akers (Davis 45), Taylor, Chapman, Kirby, Miles, Lalite, Lee, Sylvester (Bunn 86), Fowler, Green (Williams 67). Subs not used: Hollenbach, S. Gliddon.

Away the lads!

Cont'd from back

Warren (28) is in his fourth season at the club.

Ryan Kirby said: "Bill was a great help to me last season. He is doing a lot with the community work but Kevin will now do the reserves.

"He put himself up for it and he will play and manage. It is good to have someone from within the club doing it."

Warren said: "I'm looking forward to my first job as a manager, and I look forward to working with some of the youngsters in the reserves, combined with some of the more senior members of the squad."

● HARLOW Town's visit to Billericay Town in the Ryman premier division on Boxing Day will kick off at the earlier time of 1pm.

Soccer sessions hit the target

HARLOW Star Youth Community League chiefs have been delighted with the success of soccer coaching sessions aimed at developing new teams.

Girls and boys between the ages of four and seven have been taking part in the programme at Sumners Leisure Centre in Harlow on Mondays and Fridays.

As it has been so successful, the programme is now being expanded.

The new classes are being run on Mondays between 5pm and 6pm (reception and Year 1) as well as 6pm to 7pm (Year 2 and 3).

There are just 16 slots available so these will be given on a first come, first served basis.

The classes are run by Andrew Pearce, an FÅ qualified coach.

He said: "The aim of the school is to filter new teams from under 8s and up into the Harlow Star Youth Community League.

Since the sessions began in September the kids have made huge strides as they learn about the importance of space, awareness and ball control, but in a fun way through different games.



LEARNING CURVE: Coach Andrew Pearce with the reception and Year 1 youngsters he has been coaching on Fridays at the Sumners Leisure Centre in Harlow (photo: Z20XJM/02)

One parent said: "The kids love 'coach Andi'. They seem to have a lot of fun and they're improving every

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On the pitch, it's not often you get a goalless draw in youth football but that was the case as KILN RANGERS U-10's and FC PARINGDON U-10's plaved out a 0-0 stalemate.

Both defences remained on top with Jordan Blackburn, Ali King and keeper Matt Wright shining for Paringdon.

HARLOW TOWN WHITES U-8's beat their club-mates HARLOW TOWN WHITES U-7's 10-0.

Scorers were Sam Butler (3), Tom Middleditch, Alfie Babb, Milo Barrett (2), Chaz Bowden (2) and Dan Ireland.

MARK HALL YOUTH U-9's recorded a 6-0 victory at HARLOW TOWN REDŠ U-

Finding the net were Owen Goddard (3, including one pen), Magnus Koskocan and Charlie Shaves (2).

Stanley Saunders replied for LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS U-8's in their 2-1 defeat at MARK HALL. D. Wickenden got both the

LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS U-9's won 10-0 against club-mates LANGLEY COLTS MUSTANGS. Scorers were Samuel Chaplin (5), Harry Pope (3), Thomas Bullman and Tyler Ackerman-Mond. HARLOW TOWN WHITES U-10's went down 3-0 at home to LANGLEY COLTS

TROJANS. On the scoresheet were Harry Seymour, Luke Henry and Jack Barnard. LANGLEY COLTS **MUSTANGS U-11's won 3-1** against Bishop's Stortford Athletic.

On target were G. Kirk, M. Murphy, while their tally was boosted by an own goal. APEX U-11's suffered a 7-0 defeat at LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS. Finding the net were Luke Crichton, Tom Evans (3), Tom Ryan, Tom Farrington and Ben Clark.

In the U-12's, LANGLEY **COLTS TROJANS defeated** Bishop's Stortford 15-0.

A. Kellow was the four-goal hero. Other scorers were D. Pardoe, L. Preston (2), M. Young (3), K. Rout, A. Ball (3) and T. Dunkin.

In the Essex Girls League, HARLOW TOWN GIRLS U-16's defeated Levton Orient 9-1. On target were Dempsey Favell (4), Steff Barker (2), Becky Taylor, Ella Serer and Jemma Good.

Other *Harlow Star* Youth League results, U-12s:- Mark Hall Yth 4 (S. King, B. Poole 3), Harlow Tn 4; Saturn 4, Connaught Rangers 2. U-11s: Harlow Town Colts 2, Waltham Abbey 3; Mark Hall Yth 0, Epping Yth 4 (R. Burkin 3, T. Jordan); Saturn 8, Harlow Tn Red 2. U-10s gold: Epping Youth B 2, Abbey Yth 3; Risden Wood 3, Epping Yth A 6. U-10s silver: Bishop's Stortford

Colts 1, Harlow Tn Red 4; Harlow Tn Colts 1, Harlow Tn White 4; Waltham Abbey 15, Epping Yth C

U-9s: Elsenham Yth 4, Risden Wd 2; Epping Yth 10, Saturn 1; Waltham Abbey 4, Stansted Juniors

U-7s/U-8s: Elsenham Yth U-8 4, Langley Colts U-8 Trojans 0; Newhall Rangers U-8 0, Harlow Tn U-7 Reds 2; Risden Wd U-7B 1, Risden Wd U-8 3; Saturn U-8 0, Epping Yth U-8 6.

Winless run goes on for **Epping**

EPPING have not won a match in the senior premier division of the LFC Olympian Essex Football League for almost three months and their latest defeat saw them go down 4-0 at

The visitors were without key players, including central defender Nicky Godwin and central midfielder Lee Forde. Benfleet went ahead after 20 minutes on Saturday.

Chris Tormey received the ball in the penalty box and was allowed to turn with his back to goal and fire home.

The second and third goals came on 50 and 60 minutes and were carbon copies of each other with Darren Godfrey and Martin Jobson heading in from 12 yards out.

Godfrey rounded off the scoring on 85 minutes.

Mark Wells, the Epping boss said: "I was disappointed with our display, especially after the previous five games where we have shown that we can compete with sides.

"I think there were a total of five players who were under 21 and to their credit, they have battled well but more experience is required in order for us to progress.

POTTER STREET bounced back from last week's defeat with a 1-0 home victory over Leigh Ramblers in senior division one.

It keeps Street 10 points clear at the top of the table.

Few chances were created and the teams had to go off for at least five minutes after 80 minutes because the hail was so

The hosts only made certain of the three points in injury-time. A Karl Smith cross to the far post was played back by Jimmy Cochrane and Ryan Williams shot deflected off a defender before Chris Druce smashed home the loose ball from five

In the same division, Karl O'Rourke and Steve Banks were on target as Roydon lost 3-2 at Ongar Town.

Brookside into last 4

BROOKSIDE Athletic won 10-1 against UG United to reach the semi-final of the Division Three

Scorers were Jamie Cross (3), Simon Williams (3), skipper Anthony James (2), Mitchell Barron and Carl Powell.

St Germaine fought back from 2-0 down at half-time to progress to the last four of the same competition.

Lex Exley's rasping shot gave Saints hope. Exley then levelled for the visitors with a low shot before Sam White grabbed the winner.

St Germaine now look set to make their third cup final in successive seasons.

In division five, Brookside Athletic reserves beat Stewards Spartans 8-4. On target were Nick Fisher (2), Stuart Hobbs, James Marrington, Mark Britton, Jason Scott and Laszio Hegyi.

Experience key as points Wander off

THE youth and passion of Upper Clapton 0, Ilford Wanderers 23
Clapton were not enough to see off the challenge of second-placed Ilford

(Essex League, division one)

(Essex League, division one)

The Ilford defence stood up well to

Wanderers at Thornwood Common.

Wanderers' experience and extra
weight proved decisive as they took the

Wanderers' experience and extra
Clapton trailed 18-0 points on Saturday.

The visitors went ahead after nine minutes when they set up a well-worked unconverted try in the corner.

Ilford doubled their lead in almost identical fashion 15 minutes later as they scored an unconverted try, before

exploiting the wind to score a third try

Clapton trailed 18-0 at the break after giving away a penalty close to half-time.

Most of the second half was played in the visitors' half but Clapton were unhappy with what they claimed was gamesmanship from their Essex neighbours. Every time Clapton were awarded a penalty an Ilford player went down

Clapton's relentless attacks.

The only score of the second half was break-away try by the visitors, while Clapton were unable to breach Ilford's

UPPER CLAPTON: Day, Roberts, Smith, Joe Philps, Sweeney (Prince), Jake Philps, Garwood, Peattie (Allen) Ayres, Johnston, Peermamode, Procel, Kemp, Linsdall (Baldwin), Jones.

Second half ignited by top fightback THE mettle of Harlow Colts was shown as

they came back from 10-0 down to beat Enfield Ignatians Colts 31-10 at home.

Harlow, playing against a strong wind in the first half, conceded two early tries through sloppy defending.

However, the hosts bounced back as neat play from the forwards and scrum-half Dan Hockley ended with the latter going over for a try converted by Barney Goodey.

The Rams scored two more first half-tries, with Matt Marriage finishing off a slick move and Luke Bowering touching down after the visitors' full-back dropped the ball. Goodey converted to put the Essex side 19-10 up at

Harlow scored two more tries in the second half. The first came when strong pressure resulted in a penalty try which Goodey converted.

The second came late on when Jack Elson scored after a catch and drive from a line-out. Harlow Colts: Gudgeon, Mortimer, Cunningham, Elston, Dagleish, Ashcroft, King, Clark, Hockley, Goodey, Blackwell, Bowering, Treve, Marriage, Perry, Carter, Read, Cootes, Jenner, Jarvis, Ellis (squad).

Harlow U-17's lost 14-7 at home to

Southend U-17's.

The visitors scored two converted firsthalf tries. One came via a backs move, while poor defence let Southend score a second try. Harlow had two tries disallowed for technical offences before Joe Heeney ran in a superb try converted by Lewis Alderman.

Harlow U-15's took advantage of the slope in the second half to come back from 12-0 down to win 17-12 against Upminster.

The strength of East London U-14's backs proved decisive as they fought back from 12-10 down to beat Harlow U-14's 49-12.

Luke Healey and Billy Weaver scored Harlow's tries and Jack Perry kicked one con-

The powerful running of Jack Boswell-Banks was a key factor in Harlow U-13's 14-5 win at Colchester. He scored tries on 10 and 20 minutes, converted by Matt Norris.

The Rams were forced to defend strongly in the second period and conceded only one unconverted try.

Rams Nick it at the death

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Horne scored his second try when he touched down from a scrum and Chris Beard converted, as Diss led 17-10 at the break.

Ford reduced the deficit with a 50thminute penalty.

Shortly after this the Rams scored their second try when Lee Harron picked the ball up from a 5m scrum. He was halted but still managed to find Scott Romaine nd he touched down.

ord kicked the conversion and then a 65th-minute penalty which stretched Harlow's lead to 23-17.

Shortly after, Diss had hooker Richard Horne sin-binned for preventing Harlow from taking a quick penalty quickly.

However, when the Norfolk side were back to full strength they regained the lead with three minutes remaining.

From a tap penalty only 5m out they mauled up to the line and Paul Cayley scored a try converted by Williamson. Harlow kept going and Ford made no mistake when the hosts' pressure was rewarded with a penalty.

Ford added: "Our scrummage has been a weakness but it was good and Stuart Wilkins [thrower] and Jon Snow [main jumper | did well at the line-outs.'

Harlow have a break this weekend, but host Saffron Walden in their next league game in nine days' time.

HARLOW: Banks, Grimley, Jarvis, Bohl, Vanbeck, Ford, Harron, Brown, Wilkins, Prindiville, Ephgrave, Snow, Romaine, Claridge, Weston (Hawkins 65). Subs not used: Morgan, Howard.

Gap at top cut as Harlow lose

Harlow 2, Witham 4

(NE14 East Men's League, division four south east)

WITHAM appear to hold an Indian sign over Harlow if this result and their previous record against Steve White's side is anything to go by.

Harlow remain top but their lead was cut to a solitary point after a second defeat of the campaign, this time against mid-table opposition.

Both teams started the game well with the game flowing from end to end.

Initially the Harlow defence coped well with the visitors' attack, in particular Jordan Torvel, who dominated his Witham rival.

The Passmores outfit also looked dangerous on the break and it was from such an attack that the scoring was opened. James Smith fed skipper White who raced away down the left wing before firing in pin-point cross for Chris Shearman-Slack to

The home team regained the lead 10 minutes from a penalty corner.

On the stroke of half-time Witham levelled.

A sudden downpour and hail storm during the half-time break meant that both teams started the second period rather wet and cold.

It was Witham who adapted better to the conditions.

Harlow looked nervous and started giving the ball away in fairly comfortable situations.

The visitors took the lead for the first time 10 minutes into the second period when sloppy marking allowed an attacker to deflect home at the back post. Witham then scored a fourth after some poor

passing by the hosts. Harlow rallied towards the end but could not find a breakthrough in difficult conditions.

But a win at Colchester next Saturday will ensure Harlow stay top ahead of the Christmas break.

HARLOW: Norris, Jones, Prodger, Torvel, Plumridge, Chandler, Cholerton, Krzoska, Smith, Shearman-Slack,



Second straight defeat for luckless Ladies

FOR the second successive Chelmsford 4, Harlow 1 match Harlow conceded ruthlessly exposed defensive frailties that have blighted Liezel Hansson's side in recent weeks.

Despite having the majority of the possession and attacking chances Harlow were made to rue their missed opportunities as Chelmsford's young side, fast on the break and skilful on the ball, took full advantage.

The visitors started well as Jess Green and Charlotte

(Essex Women's League, premier division)

Byers troubled the Chelmsford defence. But Harlow failed to take advantage of a break down the right, and a swift counter-attack ended with a shot beating Jenny Crowser in the visitors' goal.

The pattern of the first goal was repeated when continued Harlow pressure was nullified by quick

thinking from the Chelmsford left half. Her pinpoint cross-field ball picked out the opposite wing and she slotted the ball past Crowser.

Two-nil down at the break, Harlow scored soon after the re-start. Bethan Price took full advantage of great build-up play by midfielder Carolyn Rushton to pull a goal

However, just six minutes later their hopes were dashed when a Chelmsford

forward was given too much time on the ball in the third and decisive goal. Chelmsford rounded off their day with another goal on the break, leaving Harlow wondering just how they managed to lose a match they dominated for large spells.

Harlow remain third in the premier division table.

HARLOW: Crowser, Shearman-Slack, Hansson, Jo Green, Rowley, Price, Rushton, Trimble, Amos, Hawes, Byers, Donaghey, Jess Green (squad).

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Rams Nick it at the death

NICK Ford's lastminute penalty clinched a vital victory for Harlow over secondplaced Diss but the Rams skipper was keen to share the credit.

The Rams had fallen behind for a second time three minutes earlier and were trailing 24-23 in Saturday's clash with seconds remaining. But Ford held his nerve to kick a 30m penalty which kept Harlow fourth and left them three points behind Diss at the halfway stage of the season, thus keeping

for Matt Davies' side. Ford said: "It was nerve-racking but it was a team performance. We deserved to get

the play-off dream alive

Harlow 26, Diss 24 (London & South East division three north east)

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Braintree 11	1	4	0	7	8
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Chelmsford 11	1	2	0	9	4
Colchester 11	1	1	0	10	2

something out of the game in which we probably played our best rugby of the season. "It gives us confidence, to have beaten a top side but we must keep it up." Harlow went ahead through a 15th-minute

Ford penalty and stretched their advantage midway through the first half. The Rams' consistent pressure was rewarded as outside centre Ben Jarvis shrugged off the Diss defence to score a try. Ford converted to put Harlow 10-0 ahead. Diss stormed back and fly-half Adam Williamson used the strong wind to kick ahead and set up three tries for the visitors on 25, 30 and 38 minutes. A slick move between backs and forwards ended with Andy Horne going over, before the swift Warren Wilby

clearance kick to score. Continued on 47, col 7

charged down a







Hawks must transfer good form on road back to Barrows Farm RYAN Kirby is determined the Hawks

replicate their good habits from away games for matches at Barrows Farm starting this Saturday against Margate.

Harlow Town have picked up only seven points from eight home matches compared to 15 from 10 away games in the Ryman premier division. If two of the home defeats had been turned into victories, Harlow would lie third and not 11th.

Hawks player-boss Kirby said: "People come here and see the set up and it puts them a bit more up for the game.

"For 45 minutes against Wealdstone we got the ball into their half and got lots of crosses [in] but then we sat back and invited pressure. People will be told about this before the game [against Margate].'

The Margate clash will see Kirby test his wits against former Stevenage team-mate Robin Trott.

However. Harlow's player-manager will be midfielder without Jordan Fowler and utility player Clark Akers who are starting three-game

suspensions for red cards. Central defender Lee Miles is also ruled out for

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this match after picking up five yellow cards.

Kirby said: "They [Margate] will be a good outfit and they have crept "They

up to fourth place.

"Hopefully Beckett
Hollenbach [defender] and Danny Hill [midfielder] will come through 90 minutes against Chelmsford City [a reserve team match

held last night].
"Danny has been finding it difficult to recover from the [knee] injury."

Young striker Raphael Sylvester will continue up front. Leyton Orient have agreed to allow his 'work experience' at Barrows Farm to continue.

Off the pitch, Bill Songhurst is taking over as first team assistant after the departure of Gordon Boateng. Steve Kirby (Ryan's father) will assist Songhurst, while utility player Kevin Warren is the new reserve team boss.

Songhurst was running the reserves. Warren will be assisted by Kirby snr.

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